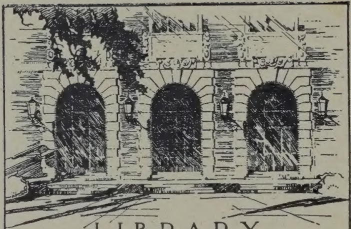

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The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, met in Annual Communication in the Royal Alexandra Hotel in the City of Winnipeg, June 2nd, and was opened in Ample Form by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Bro. Stanley H. Fahrni, at 2.30 p.m., prayer being offered by R.W. Bro. Rev. J. L. McInnis, Grand Chaplain.

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W. Bro. T. R. Evans . . . . M.
Bro. L. E. Gendron . S.W.
Bro. A. W. Harvey . . J.W.

R.W. Bro. M. MacKay
W. Bro. J. B. Brooks
W. Bro. M. Cochran
W. Bro. T. D. Conlin
W. Bro. R. S. Esselmont
W. Bro. J. M. Fowlis
W. Bro. Jas. Taggart

THE PAS LODGE NO. 124:

Bro. C. G. Brigden . S.W.

PATRICIA LODGE NO. 125:

W. Bro. J. H. Geiss
W. Bro. P. R. Jeske
W. Bro. G. Wallace
W. Bro. L. C. Welsh

EMPIRE LODGE NO. 127:

W. Bro. E. Johnston.... M.
Bro. H. F. Rees....S.W.
Bro. John Ford....J.W.

V.W. Bro. W. Campbell
W. Bro. A. D. Adamson
W. Bro. Jas. Irwin
W. Bro. A. E. Jones
W. Bro. J. C. McIntosh
W. Bro. A. Sinclair
W. Bro. R. W. Wakeham
W. Bro. Jas. Wardrope
W. Bro. J. N. Wyatt

VICTORY LODGE NO. 128:

R.W. Bro. Dan Hawe
W. Bro. E. H. E. Smith

FORT GARRY LODGE NO. 130:

W. Bro. N. C. Mackay...M.
Bro. T. H. Clark...S.W.
Bro. J. W. Wilson..J.W.

R.W. Bro. A. Phillips
V.W. Bro. J. J. Lyon
W. Bro. A. Adams
W. Bro. A. E. Duff
W. Bro. Thos. Gilchrist
W. Bro. N. James
W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions
W. Bro. E. R. Siddall

KILDONAN LODGE NO. 131:

W. Bro. E. L. White.....M.
Bro. W. S. Page....J.W.

V.W. Bro. C. J. Nicholson
W. Bro. L. G. Barnes
W. Bro. A. Brotheridge
W. Bro. A. E. Love
W. Bro. W. R. Morrison
W. Bro. R. G. Murray
W. Bro. F. E. Simmons
W. Bro. W. Thompson

SPRAGUE LODGE NO. 132:

W. Bro. W. A. Piper.....M.

W. Bro. Thos. McCarthy
W. Bro. W. McCarthy

McCREARY LODGE NO. 133:

W. Bro. R. L. Harper....M.
Bro. E. A. Philip...S.W.

R.W. Bro. T. L. Bishop
W. Bro. L. P. Baker

STONY MOUNTAIN LODGE NO. 134:

W. Bro. Thos. Clayton
W. Bro. H. Lusignan
W. Bro. C. A. Reed

CAPITOL LODGE NO. 136:

W. Bro. Thos. Wilson....M.
Bro. W. H. Webb...S.W.
Bro. S. H. Stevens..J.W.

R.W. Bro. G. E. Mills
W. Bro. H. W. Cooper
W. Bro. A. S. Jones
W. Bro. W. J. Law
W. Bro. J. A. McIlvride
W. Bro. Geo. Newman
W. Bro. W. Paterson
W. Bro. Jas. Shaen

LORD SELKIRK LODGE NO. 137:

W. Bro. W. E. Palmer...M.

R.W. Bro. A. C. Campbell
R.W. Bro. G. R. Mackay
W. Bro. R. A. Bruce
W. Bro. A. Huddlestone

WINDSOR LODGE NO. 138:

W. Bro. J. B. McClure...M.

R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly
W. Bro. David Griffith
W. Bro. A. J. Horton
W. Bro. J. Hume
W. Bro. A. McDonald
W. Bro. E. Wallace

BEAVER LODGE NO. 139:

W. Bro. W. E. Sharratt...M.
Bro. J. P. Mowat..S.W.
Bro. A. W. Phelps..J.W.

V.W. Bro. S. W. Robertson
W. Bro. W. Lawson
W. Bro. M. MacLean

MERIDIAN LODGE NO. 140:

Bro. D. Milliken...S.W.

M.W. Bro. J. T. Boyd
R.W. Bro. Hugh Mackenzie
W. Bro. D. A. King
W. Bro. D. MacKay
W. Bro. J. Mowat
W. Bro. A. A. Reid
W. Bro. A. T. Woolston

TUSCAN LODGE NO. 141:

W. Bro. F. C. Nixon.....M.
Bro. H. H. Gray....S.W.
Bro. R. Lane.......J.W.

W. Bro. N. Rotshtein
W. Bro. A. R. Simpson

HARMONY LODGE NO. 142:

W. Bro. R. M. Creighton . M
Bro. R. H. English . J.W.

R.W. Bro. E. T. Hardman

MT. SINAI LODGE NO. 143:

W. Bro. F. B. Dubinsky . M.
Bro. H. J. Nusgart . S.W.

R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green
W. Bro. A. J. Blond
W. Bro. Solomon Frank
W. Bro. J. Fred
W. Bro. H. H. Guttman
W. Bro. Earo Haid
W. Bro. L. A. Seipp
W. Bro. A. E. Weidman

FORT OSBORNE LODGE NO. 144:

W. Bro. E. D. W. Smith . . M.
Bro. J. R. Glenn . . . S.W.
Bro. G. Y. Cook . . . . J.W.

W. Bro. D. Harriman

STURGEON CREEK LODGE NO. 145:

Bro. W. F. Kerby . S.W.

R.W. Bro. Tom Stockdale
W. Bro. D. A. Best
W. Bro. E. W. Browne
W. Bro. C. R. Hodgdon
W. Bro. E. Manby

FIDELITY LODGE NO. 146:

W. Bro. S. C. Swanton . M.
Bro. R. B. Nixon . . S.W.
Bro. H. S. Flanigan . J.W.

R.W. Bro. Geo. Florence
R.W. Bro. J. J. Sinclair
V.W. Bro. A. Sandilands
W. Bro. R. C. Kirk
W. Bro. F. H. Williams

JUBILEE LODGE NO. 147:

W. Bro. N. A. Brown
W. Bro. J. D. Houston

SEVEN OAKS LODGE NO. 148:

W. Bro. J. Woodmass . . . . M.
Bro. F. Burrows . . . S.W.

W. Bro. J. Alexander
W. Bro. A. Collicutt
W. Bro. J. Love
W. Bro. E. J. Scott

CARTWRIGHT LODGE NO. 150:

W. Bro. J. A. Waldie . . . . . . M.
Bro. Clarke Wallace . . J.W.

R.W. Bro. W. H. Newton

THE DORMER LODGE NO. 151:

W. Bro. G. H. Ball......M.
Bro. C. H. Wells....J.W.

R.W. Bro. Rev. H. Sherstone
V.W. Bro. Jas. Buchan
W. Bro. R. S. Bird
W. Bro. J. Elder
W. Bro. A. E. Longstaffe
W. Bro. F. Redgwell
W. Bro. S. Smith

FLIN FLON LODGE NO. 153:

W. Bro. Geo. Stephen...M.

W. Bro. A. J. West

PINE FALLS LODGE NO. 154:

W. Bro. V. C. Harvey....M.
Bro. J. J. Jackson..S.W.

W. Bro. Wm. Bird
W. Bro. E. J. Kahle
W. Bro. A. W. H. Lee
W. Bro. E. F. Tanner

CARMAN LODGE NO. 155:

Bro. A. E. Shewfelt.J.W.

W. Bro. Wm. Reid

MANITOUWAPA LODGE NO. 156:

Bro. H. S. Rutherford.J.W.

W. Bro. D. Ferguson

ADOPTING REGULATIONS

Moved by R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell (114), seconded by R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3), that the regulations for conducting the Sessions of Grand Lodge be adopted as printed. Carried.

READING OF MINUTES

Moved by M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (4), seconded by R.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy (4), that the Minutes of the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, having been printed in the Proceedings, be taken as read. Carried.

REPORT OF NOMINATIONS

The Grand Secretary reported the following nominations had been received for the Grand Lodge Officers, Board of General Purposes and District Deputy Grand Masters:

Grand Master:
R.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker, St. John's Lodge No. 4.

Deputy Grand Master:
R.W. Bro. Sam. Burland, Stonewall Lodge No. 12.

Senior Grand Warden:
R.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey, Ionic Lodge No. 25.

Junior Grand Warden:
W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin, Neepawa Lodge No. 24.
R.W. Bro. A. K. Cates, Reston Lodge No. 104.
R.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan, Tweed Lodge No. 113.

Grand Treasurer:
R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.

Grand Secretary:
R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell, "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114.

Grand Chaplain:
R.W. Bro. J. L. McInnis, "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114.

Grand Historian:
M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, St. John's Lodge No. 4.

Grand Director of Ceremonies:
W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman, King Edward Lodge No. 93.

Grand Librarian:
R.W. Bro. Rev. C. E. Somerset, Lisgar Lodge No. 2.

Board of General Purposes:
R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington, Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1.
R.W. Bro. A. H. Steventon, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.
R.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy, St. John's Lodge No. 4.
W. Bro. Herbert E. Swift, Northern Light Lodge No. 10.
R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald, Shiloh Lodge No. 70.
W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe, King Edward Lodge No. 93.
R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr, Tweed Lodge No. 113.

R.W. Bro. Wm. McLellan, "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114.
W. Bro. Alex. E. Duff, Fort Garry Lodge No. 130.
R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green, Mt. Sinai Lodge No. 143.

District Deputy Grand Masters:

First Masonic District:
W. Bro. Frank N. Baxter, King Edward Lodge No. 93.
V.W. Bro. Samuel C. Taylor, Norwood Lodge No. 119.

Second Masonic District:
W. Bro. Malcom E. Mackinnon, Temple Lodge No. 49.

Third Masonic District:
W. Bro. Harry R. Bewes, Crescent Lodge No. 103.

Fourth Masonic District:
W. Bro. Ronald W. Tuckwell, Mound Lodge No. 118.

Fifth Masonic District:
W. Bro. Wm. E. Wiltsey, Harmony Lodge No. 142.

Sixth Masonic District:
W. Bro. Fred Ford, Deloraine Lodge No. 40.

Seventh Masonic District:
W. Bro. J. M. McCorkindale, Elkhorn Lodge No. 74.

Eighth Masonic District:
W. Bro. Geo. E. Keyes, East Star Lodge No .55.

Ninth Masonic District:
V.W. Bro. John Livesey, Prince Arthur Lodge No. 105.

Tenth Masonic District:
W. Bro. R. M. Muckle, Lisgar Lodge No. 2.
W. Bro. J. W. L. Lindsay, Stonewall Lodge No. 12.
W. Bro. E. G. Kahle, Pine Falls Lodge No. 154.

Twelfth Masonic District:
W. Bro. David Griffith, Windsor Lodge No. 138.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letters were received from P.G.M. Brother Robert Hawkins and P.G.M. Bro. J. J. Henderson, expressing their regrets at not being able to attend the Annual Communication and extending fraternal greetings and good wishes to all present, specially mentioning our distinguished visitors from other Jurisdictions.

We also received regrets from:

M.W. Bro. Douglas Fraser, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

M.W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Alberta.

M.W. Bro. W. P. Marchant, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

M.W. Bro. Frank S. McKee, P.G.M. and Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

M.W. Bro. J. A. McRae, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario).

R.W. Bro. E. G. Dixon, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario).

M.W. Bro. Chas. Davidson, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Montana.

M.W. Bro. I. R. Erickson, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of South Dakota.

R.W. Bro. E. F. Strain, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of South Dakota.

M.W. Bro. F. W. Matson, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

M.W. Bro. W. L. Stockwell, P.G.M. and Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

M.W. Bro. Mark. I. Forker, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

M.W. Bro. Harry W. Gill, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

All of these brethren, M.W. Sir, expressed their sincere regrets at not being able to be at your Grand Lodge Communication, and extended their fraternal greetings and best wishes for a very successful, harmonious and beneficial communication.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES, 1943

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes begs to report as follows:

The Masonic year which is now closing has been a difficult period, as might have been expected during a critical stage of the war. On the whole, the Craft has maintained its position in a satisfactory manner. While there is cause for anxiety and concern with regard to some of the constituent Lodges, the spirit of the membership is high and the brethren continue to carry on their work with zeal and enthusiasm. The Board does not suggest that its responsibilities are diminishing; we realize that we are surrounded by many problems. But we are strengthened and encouraged by many evidences of support from all parts of the jurisdiction, and we believe that with the continuance of that co-operation we can look forward to brighter and better years.

As you are aware, the Board carries on its work through the medium of several important committees. As the reports of these committees come before you for consideration, a composite picture of what we have tried to do during the year will be presented. The Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry and the Committee on Masonic Research and Education have been actively engaged in the examination of many problems, and their findings, we think, are worthy of deep study by the members of the Grand Lodge. The Finance Committee, faced with the necessity of providing funds for the work of the Craft, has had its own difficulties to meet, as will be apparent in the course of the proceedings at this Communication. The War Relief Committee has had to undertake a task which is outside the scope of our ordinary Masonic efforts, and its findings. when they are submitted to you, will reflect some of the complicated questions with which we have had to deal. In fact all the reports of the Board's Committees provide material which is of concern to the general membership, and we bespeak for them a large measure of careful attention on the part of the Grand Lodge.

During the year the Board held seven meetings in all. In addition to what may be called routine business various matters of importance received consideration, and the following is a synopsis of these items:

MEETING, THURSDAY, JUNE 4th, 1942
(40 Members Present)

This meeting was held after the close of Grand Lodge for the purpose of organization. R.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker became President of the Board by virtue of his office; R.W. Bro. Sam Burland was appointed Vice-President.

A nominating committee was appointed to bring in nominations for the various standing committees and the War Relief Committee. Those appointed were M.W. Bro. Geo. R. Calvert (chairman), M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence, M.W. Bro. Jno. T. Boyd, R.W. Bro. Sam Burland and R.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey.

MEETING FRIDAY, JULY 3rd, 1942
(30 Members Present)

The report of the nominating committee was presented and adopted.

The War Relief Committee was empowered to add to its numbers and to proceed with its work.

A proposal submitted by W. Bro. Frank H. Williams for the publication of a Masonic paper was referred to the Committee on Masonic Research and Education for study and report.

The printing and distribution of 12,000 copies of the Declaration of Principles was authorized.

It was resolved that the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary attend the Conference of Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, to be held at Banff, which was subsequently held on August 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 1942. A transcript of the Proceedings was prepared and distributed to the various Grand Lodges and a copy is on file in the Grand Lodge Library.

MEETING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th, 1942
(24 Members Present)

Regrets were expressed and recorded that the Grand Secretary was absent because of illness, with the hope for his speedy and complete recovery. In his absence R.W. Bro. A. Burgess acted as Grand Secretary.

The sympathy of the Board was extended to the Grand Master M.W. Bro. Stanley H. Fahrni and R.W. Bro. A. H. Steventon whose sons had made the supreme sacrifice in service in The Royal Canadian Air Force.

The Committee on Masonic Research and Education reported on and was instructed to proceed with, its arrangements with W. Bro. Williams for publication of a Masonic paper, and was empowered to appoint an Editorial or Supervisory Committee.

The War Relief Committee reported the addition of M.W. Bro. Harry Woods to the committee as a member and as Secretary and of all District Deputy Grand Masters, and outlined the plan of organization.

The application of Lansdowne Lodge No. 107 for approval of new Lodge quarters was granted.

The matter of discontinuing printing the correspondence section of Grand Lodge Proceedings for the duration of the war was referred to the Committee on Masonic Research and Education.

The purchase of $11,000.00 of Dominion War Loan bonds for the Benevolent Endowment Fund was approved.

MEETING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20th, 1942

(25 Members Present)

The War Relief Committee presented its report of progress.

The report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education recommending continued publication of the correspondence section of the Annual Proceedings was approved.

The question of the publication of a Masonic paper was referred back to the Committee on Research and Education for further study and report and the Grand Secretary was requested to ascertain if any Governmental regulations restricted such publication.

Congratulations were extended to M.W. Bro. Wm. Fenwick on his 86th birthday.

Four proposed amendments to the Constitution of Grand Lodge were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and

Appeals for study and report. These proposed amendments have to do with amendments to sections 4-27-28-119 and 90. They are fully set out in the Notice of the 68th Annual Communication and will appear in Grand Lodge Proceedings when printed, and so are not set out in detail in this report.

MEETING FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, 1943

(28 Members Present)

The Committee on Masonic Research and Education reported that certain Government regulations prohibited the publication of a new paper and that therefore the plan for publishing a Masonic paper could not be proceeded with.

Applications received from King Edward Lodge No. 93 and Lord Selkirk Lodge No. 137 for permission to move to new Lodge quarters were granted.

The War Relief Committee reported receipts of $4,850.27.

The printing of 500 copies of a script exemplifying the Declaration of Principles which had been prepared by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas and presented at a meeting of Masters, Wardens, Secretaries and Past Masters of the First, Tenth and Twelfth Districts was authorized.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals reported on the proposed amendments to Constitution.

The question of Life Membership was discussed at length and referred to the Finance Committee and the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry jointly, under the chairmanship of R.W. Bro. A. H. Steventon with instructions to prepare for consideration of the Board any necessary amendments to The Constitution and to report to the next meeting of the Board.

MEETING FRIDAY, APRIL 16th, 1943

(31 Members Present)

The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Immediate Past Grand Master were delegated to attend the Grand Masters' Conference to be held at Banff, Alberta, on a date to be fixed.

A request to be included in the Eighth Masonic District was received from Sprague Lodge No. 132, supported by Emerson Lodge No. 6, and was recommended to the sympathetic consideration of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry.

The application of Sturgeon Creek Lodge No. 145 for permission to move to new Lodge quarters was granted.

The joint report of the Committees of Finance and Condition of Freemasonry was received but in view of the great differences of opinion expressed, the Committees were asked to continue their consideration and M.W. Bro. Douglas and R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green were added; R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green to act as chairman.

The War Relief Committee reported that recipts as of this date amounted to $10,476,00 and that the sum of $16,700.00 in Chinese currency had been remitted for the relief of Masonic brethren, escaped refugees from Hong Kong who are now in Chunking; the cost of the remittance in Canadian funds, including transmission by cable and exchange was $1,026.41.

The Committee on Masonic Research and Education reported 500 copies of the Script exemplifying the Declaration of Principles had been printed and were available for distribution by the Librarian.

A generous gift of books to the Grand Lodge Library made by Bro. Robert Shaw through Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, was gratefully received and acknowledged.

MEETING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2nd, 1943

At this meeting there were Forty-four (44) members present.

The principle business at this meeting was the reading and adopting of the various reports of Standing Committees of Grand Lodge which were as follows:

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals.
The Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry.
The Committee on Investments.
The Committee on Finance.
The Committee on Benevolence.
The Committee on Masonic Research and Education and Library.
The Committee on War Relief.

These reports were read, discussed and approved.

The Standing Committees and the War Relief Committee will report more fully on matters which have received their attention as committees of the Board during the past year.

It is thought well however, to emphasize in this report, two matters which appear of vital importance to the welfare of Grand Lodge.

The first is the problem of life membership and the serious consequences which are facing not only Grand Lodge but the constituent lodges, as a result of life memberships having been granted on unsound basis by constituent lodges and by loss of revenue to Grand Lodge under the provisions of the existing constitution of Grand Lodge.

The second, with which this question of life membership is in some degree linked, is the question of Grand Lodge finances generally. Many plans which the Board of General purposes or its committees were desirous of initiating or expanding were found impossible because of lack of money. This financial problem is one which must receive earnest consideration, and some satisfactory solution must be found if the best interests of Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction are to be served.

The continuance of the War Relief Committee to receive any voluntary contributions from Freemasons which may be sent in, but without any arrangement for the time being for an additional campaign to raise further funds, is approved by the Board of General Purposes. The Board, however, recommends that if, before the next annual communication of Grand Lodge changed conditions in any part of the world should place the brethren of the Craft in greater distress, or cause increased sacrifice and suffering the Board should be free to take any measures which may seem to it necessary or advisable.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

BEN C. BARKER,
Chairman, Board of General Purposes.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker (4), seconded by R.W. Bro. Sam. Burland (12), the report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

To the Most Warshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

It is my privilege to submit my Eighth Annual Report, being the Sixty-eighth Annual Report of this Grand Lodge, for the year ending March 31st, 1943.

All Grand Lodge Certificates, the usual Warning Circulars and other Official Notices were duly attended to. The proceedings of the last Annual Communication were prepared and copies mailed to each of our Constituent Lodges, members of the Board and to all Grand Lodges with whom we hold fraternal relations, except those closed through the exigency of war.

DISPENSATIONS:

By authority of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the following Dispensations were issued:

Church Service in Regalia:	
11, 14, 19, 24, 25, 29, 43, 54, 75, 105, 108 (2), 113, 116, 119, 123, 124, 133, 136, 138, 148, 152, 153. 1st, 3rd, 6th and 12th Masonic Districts	27
Amendments to Lodge By-Laws:	
68, 71, 114, 127, 129, 130, 144, 145 (2), 148	11
Change of date, place or hour of meeting:	
25, 40 (3), 77, 82, 101, 102, 103, 108 (2), 118, 136 (2), 138, 140, 143, 145, 150, 151	20
Elections and Installations:	
30, 55, 121, 122, 138, 156	6
Confer Degrees within the prescribed time:	
7 (3), 11 (2), 14, 19 (2), 50, 54, 77, 120, 121 (2)	14
Joint Installation:	
131 and 151; 50 and 150; 94 and 100	6
Total	84

The yearly returns were received from the Secretaries of 102 of our Constituent Lodges covering the work for the year 1942.

I regret to report that no returns for the last half of the year have been received from two Lodges, namely, Midlothian No. 90 and Carman No. 155, both in the same Masonic District.

We thought the year 1942 would close with a gain in membership, and while we came close to the objective, we had a net loss of 12—the lowest number since 1932 with its net loss of 362. We look forward to the coming year, feeling confident that our loss in membership has passed.

The following table prepared from the reports of our Lodges gives the returns for the years 1941 and 1942. The two years are shown for comparison:

Number of Lodges at December 31st, 1942		104	
Membership at December 31st, 1941		9,994	
Error in Returns		3	
			9,997
	1941	1942	
Initiated	188	258	
Affiliated	96	70	
Reinstated	47	60	
	331	388	388
			10,385
Loss by Demitted	135	126	
Loss by Suspension	131	100	
Loss by Death	183	174	
	449	400	400
Membership at December 31st, 1942			9,985
Net Loss for the year			12

64 Lodges had no Suspensions in 1942, 53 Lodges in 1941.
39 Lodges had an increase in Membership in 1942, 34 Lodges in 1941.
44 Lodges had a loss in Membership in 1942, 49 Lodges in 1941.
21 Lodges remained stationery in Membership, 21 Lodges in 1941.

While we are pleased to know these 21 Lodges have not lost in membership during the past two and some of them for several years, we are of the opinion that this state of dormancy, which is not good for the Lodges concerned, their membership, or our Grand Jurisdiction, could be overcome and some new life introduced into the picture. If the membership made Freemasonry known in their Communities as a vital force and something worth striving for, it might result in some good men knocking at their Lodge doors for admission. There can be little enthusiasm where there is no advance being made.

Degrees conferred during the year:

	1942	1941
Initiations	258	188
Passed	240	179
Raised	210	175
	708	542

We had calls to visit 41 brethren in our hospitals coming from Saskatchewan, Ontario and our own Jurisdiction. This is a service that the Sick and Visiting Committees of the Lodges in the Greater Winnipeg Area are pleased to do; we appreciate this service given by our brethren and express our thanks to them for it.

We lost one of our Secretaries through death, in the person of the late W. Bro. James C. McCallum, who served our St. James Lodge No. 121 as their very efficient Secretary for sixteen years.

We express our sympathy to brethren of St. James Lodge No. 121 and to the family of our late brother.

We again record our sincere thanks to Lodges in each Jurisdiction in Canada and the United Kingdom for conferring courtesy degrees on many of our members during the past year. We also had the privilege of doing a similar service for brethren from these Sister Jurisdictions.

Again we express our thanks to those who continue to send copies of their publications to the Grand Secretary's Office, these are made available through our Library to the membership at large.

We offer congratulations to our Daughter Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan in the publication of their new monthly paper "The Tracing Board" and wish them every success in this very worthy enterprise.

It was our pleasure and privilege to accompany our Most Worshipful Grand Master to the Grand Lodge Communications of Alberta and Saskatchewan and to several of our Masonic District Meetings. We enjoyed these visitations and sorry some had to be missed. At the Alberta Grand Lodge Communication, the honorary rank of Past Grand Secretary was conferred on him, an honor which he greatly appreciates.

We tender our thanks to the Grand Lodge Officers for their kindness and consideration at all times and to our Secretaries of the Constituent Lodges for their co-operation.

Fraternally submitted,

J.H.G. Russell
Grand Secretary.

Moved by W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114), seconded by M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (4), that the Report of the Grand Secretary be referred to the Committee on Grand Secretary's Report.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through the Grand Treasurer, begs to present for your information Statements of the various accounts in connection with the Grand Lodge finances for the year ending March 31st, 1943:

General Fund:

Exhibit "A". Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "B". Statement of Income and Expenditure.
Exhibit "C". Statement of Receipts and Disbursements.
Schedule "1". Accounts Receivable.
Schedule "2". Details of Miscellaneous Expenditures.

Benevolent Endowment and Beneficiary Funds:

Exhibit "D". Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "E". Statement of Income and Expenditure.
Exhibit "F". Statement of Receipts and Disbursements.
Schedule "3". Details of Cash Receipts.
Schedule "4". Statement of Beneficiary Fund.
Schedule "5". Statement of Mortgage Loans.

All these Accounts have been audited and found to be in order as per the Auditors' Certificate appended to the statements.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEX. BURGESS,
Grand Treasurer.

April 6th, 1943.

To the most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

We desire to report that we have audited the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer of The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31st, 1943, and in connection submit the following Financial Statements.

General Fund:

Exhibit "A". Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "B". Statement of Income and Expenditure.
Exhibit "C". Statement of Receipts and Disbursements.
Schedule "1". Accounts Receivable.
Schedule "2". Details of Miscellaneous Expenditure.

Benevolent Endowment Fund and Beneficiary Fund:

Exhibit "D". Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "E". Statement of Income and Expenditure.
Exhibit "F". Statement of Receipts and Disbursements.
Schedule "3". Details of Cash Receipts.
Schedule "4". Statement of Beneficiary Fund.
Schedule "5". Statement of Mortgage Loans.

Cash in Bank:

The balances at Bank were confirmed by certificates obtained by us direct from the Bank.

Investments:

The securities representing the investments were inspected by us and found in order.

All Bonds and Debentures are fully registered in the name of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Yours truly,

ADAM ARMSTRONG & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

Exhibit "A"

BALANCE SHEET
GENERAL FUND

As at March 31st, 1943

ASSESTS

Current:		
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce	$2,866.35	
Cash in Hand (Petty)	12.44	
Accounts Receivable (Per Schedule "1")	1,090.30	
		$3,969.09
Inventories:		
Supplies and Stock	2,645.00	
Valued at		1.00
Equipment:		
Furniture and Fixtures (Less Depreciation)	$ 711.00	
Regalia (Less Depreciation)	540.00	
Library and Fixtures (Less Depreciation)	2,002.50	
	$3,253.50	
Valued at		1.00
		$3,971.09

LIABILITIES

Beneficiary Fund (Loan)	$2,000.00
Surplus (Per Exhibit "B")	1,971.09
	$3,971.09

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitba A.F. & A.M. for the year ended March 31st, 1943, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31st, 1943.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ADAM ARMSTRONG & CO.
Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man., April 6th, 1943.

Exhibit "B"

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1943

INCOME

Dues	$ 8,793.50
Initiations	534.00
M.M. Certificates	471.00
P.M. Certificates	63.00
L.M. Certificates	65.00
L.M. Fees	335.00
Dispensations	48.00
Supplies	410.72
	$10,720.22

EXPENDITURE

Salaries	$4,135.00	
Rent	950.00	
Insurance	100.37	
Postage and Stamp Tax	274.02	
Stationery and Office Supplies	195.15	
Regalia Grand Master	245.00	
Expense Grand Master	500.00	
M.M. Certificates	40.88	
Committee on Condition of Freemasonry	10.20	
Library Maintenance	1,083.74	
Masonic Research and Educational	55.60	
Jewel P.G.M.	20.00	
Unemployment Insurance	28.62	
Exchange	22.26	
Miscellaneous	2,457.53	
		10,118.37
Net Income for Year		$ 601.85
Surplus as at March 31st, 1942		1,369.24
Surplus as at March 31st, 1943		$ 1,971.09

Exhibit "C"

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1943

RECEIPTS

Subordinate Lodges		$11,223.76
Cash Sales—Supplies, etc.		15.50
Exchange		3.55
Total Receipts		$11,242.81
Cash in Bank, April 1st, 1942	$2,378.55	
Cash in Hand, April 1st, 1942 (Petty)	17,81	
		2,396.36
		$13,639.17

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	$4,135.00	
Rent	950.00	
Postage and Stamp Tax	274.02	
Stationery and Office Supplies	195.15	
Regalia Grand Master	245.00	
Expense Grand Master	500.00	
M.M. Certificates	40.88	
Committee on Condition of Freemasonry	10.20	
Masonic Research and Education	55.60	
Library—Maintenance	1,083.74	
Insurance	100.37	
Jewel P.G.M.	20.00	
Supplies	303.46	
Unemployment Insurance	28.62	
Benevolent Fund (Life Members Fees)	335.00	
Exchange	25.81	
Miscellaneous (Per Schedule "2")	2,457.53	
Total Disbursements		$10,760.38
Cash in Bank. March 31st, 1943	$2,866.35	
Cash in Hand, March 31st, 1943 (Petty)	12.44	
		2,878.79
		$13,639.17

Schedule "I"

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
GENERAL FUND

As at March 31st, 1943

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount Dr.	Amount Cr.
2.	Lisgar	$ 96.38	
4.	St. John's	12.50	
7.	Assiniboine	.60	
12.	Stonewall	2.25	
14.	Prince of Wales	144.43	
15.	Corinthian	24.80	
19.	Brandon	6.08	
29.	Carberry	2.00	
39.	Birtle	.21	
40.	Deloraine	3.90	
49.	Temple	1.60	
50.	Killarney	.25	
52.	Hartney	.10	
54.	Oriental	1.85	
55.	East Star	.90	
62.	Russell		2.00
64.	Composite	1.50	
67.	Wawanesa	.10	
70.	Shiloh	.25	
74.	Elkhorn	4.10	
75.	Gothic	7.75	
77.	Napinka	51.10	
82.	Cypress	102.64	
87.	Rathwell	2.10	
90.	Midlothian	33.90	
93.	King Edward	3.00	
94.	Hiram	2.73	
100.	Robbie Burns	1.10	
101.	Binscarth	180.70	
102.	Miniota		.90
106.	Strathclair	.10	
107.	Lansdowne	.10	
109.	Swan Lake	1.00	
110.	Kilwinning	.15	
112.	Ophir	2.10	
116.	St. Andrews	.21	
117.	Strathcona	2.00	
118.	Mound	.15	
119.	Norwood	4.00	
	Forward	$698.63	$ 2.90

Schedule "1" (cont'd.)

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
GENERAL FUND

As at March 31st, 1943 (cont'd.)

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount Dr.	Cr.
	Forward	$698.63	$ 2.90
121.	St. James	93.28	
122.	Roblin	10.51	
125.	Patricia	1.10	
127.	Empire	4.87	
129.	Shellmouth	.10	
132.	Sprague		.15
133.	McCreary	.30	
137.	Lord Selkirk	1.90	
138.	Windsor	124.40	
143.	Mt. Sinai	2.00	
144.	Fort Osborne	7.40	
145.	Sturgeon Creek	1.00	
146.	Fidelity	.18	
147.	Jubilee	.40	
148	Seven Oaks	10.00	
150.	Cartwright	.60	
151.	The Dormer	3.80	
152.	Foxwarren	.85	
153.	Flin Flon	58.50	
155.	Carman	71.53	
156.	Manitowapa	2.00	
		$1,093.35	$ 3.05
		3.05	
		$1,090.30	

Schedule "2"

DETAILS OF MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1943

Particulars	Amount
Proceedings	$ 725.76
Grand Lodge Communication	694.50
Audit	150.00
Telephones and Telegraph	124.27
Banff Conference	207.67
Travelling	138.71
Flowers	55.10
Christmas Cards	37.26
Christmas Expense	25.00
Masonic Relief Association	56.08
Warning Circulars	22.68
City Directory	21.60
List of Lodges	19.43
Safety Deposit Box	15.00
Typewriter Inspection	16.72
Memorials	29.70
Substitute Stenographer	35.00
Indemnity Bond (Grand Secretary)	3.75
Miscellaneous	79.30
As per Exhibit "C"	$2,457.53

Exhibit "D"

BALANCE SHEET BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND AND BENEFICIARY FUND

As at March 31st, 1943

ASSETS

	Par Value			
Current:				
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce			$ 5,296.16	
General Fund Loan			2,000.00	
				$ 7,296.16
Investments:				
Mortgage Loans			$ 6,321.84	
Province of Manitoba Debentures	$ 96,000.00	$88,201.25		
Greater Winnipeg Water District Debentures	16,000.00	16,045.00		
Province of Saskatchewan Debentures	21,000.00	21.000.00		
Province of Alberta Debentures	10,000.00	10,000.00		
Province of British Columbia Debentures	15,000.00	14,955.00		
Point Grey Debentures	10,000.00	9,925.00		
Dominion of Canada Bonds	58,800.00	58,395.00		
Canadian National Railway Bonds	8,000.00	8,000.00		
City of Winnipeg Debentures	2,433.33	2,177.83		
			228,699.08	
	$237,233.33			
War Saving Certificates			480.00	
Beneficiary Fund:				
Province of Manitoba Debentures	$ 4,500.00	$ 4,500.00		
Dominion of Canada Bonds	12,700.00	12,700.00	17,200.00	
				$252,700.92
	$ 17,200.00			

Property:		
Acquired through foreclosure:		
191 Ethelbert	$ 5,478.76	
926 Jessie	2,433.49	
299 Waverley	10,424.85	
275 Harvard	9,804.55	
		28,141.65
		$288,138.73

LIABILITIES

Surplus (per Exhibit "E")	$288,138.73
	$288,138.73

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F. & A.M. for the year ended March 31st, 1943, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31st, 1943.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ADAM ARMSTRONG & CO.
Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man., April 6th, 1943.

Exhibit "E"

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND AND BENEFICIARY FUND

For the year ended March 31st, 1943

INCOME

Interest—Bonds and Debentures		$ 11,074.24	
Premium—Bonds and Debentures		473.44	
			$11,547.68
Interest—Mortgages			444.74
Interest—Bank			22.61
Life Members Fees			335.00
Donations Lodges			258.55
			$12,608.58

EXPENDITURE

Beneficiary Fund (Per Schedule "4")		$ 6,287.75	
Tax Deducted U.S. Bond Interest		260.43	
Insurance (Burglary and Messenger)		62.50	
Exchange		11.66	
			6,622.34
Net Income for Year			$ 5,986.24
Surplus as at March 31st, 1942		$282,014.69	
Add:			
Profit on Sale of Property (Perth)		436.72	
		$282,451.41	
Deduct:			
Loss on Sale of Property (Grosvenor)	$ 195.92		
Adjustment Loan No. 35	103.00		
		298.92	
			282,152.49
Surplus as at March 31st, 1943			$288,138.73

Exhibit "F"

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND AND BENEFICIARY FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1943

RECEIPTS

Total Receipts (Per Schedule "3")		$21,721.71
Cash in Bank, April 1st, 1942	$2,476.66	
Cash on Hand, April 1st, 1942	1,510.00	
		3,986.66
		$25,708.37

DISBURSEMENTS

Bonds Purchased		$11,000.00
Beneficiary Fund		6,287.75
Real Estate, Taxes, Insurance, Repairs and Collection Commissions, etc.:		
174 Perth Avenue	$ 119.99	
191 Ethelbert Street	622.62	
1025 Grosvenor Avenue	336.72	
926 Jessie Avenue	175.79	
299 Waverley Street	762.79	
275 Harvard Avenue	668.96	
66 Waterloo Street	103.00	
		2,789.87
Exchange		11.66
Tax Deducted U.S. Bond Interest		260.43
Insurance		62.50
Total Disbursements		$20,412.21
Cash in Bank, March 31st, 1943		5,296.16
		$25,708.37

Schedule "3"

DETAILS OF CASH RECEIPTS BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND BENEFICIARY FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1943

Mortgage Principal:		
Loan No. 2.	$ 100.00	
5.	295.71	
12.	1,450.00	
38.	100.00	
40.	370.78	
41.	296.34	
		$2,612.83
Mortgage Interest:		
Loan No. 2.	$ 100.50	
5.	54.29	
12.	39.50	
38.	82.50	
40.	64.29	
41.	103.66	
		444.74
Rents Received Property:		
174 Perth Avenue	$ 90.00	
191 Ethelbert Street	535.00	
1025 Grosvenor Avenue	135.00	
926 Jessie Avenue	345.00	
299 Waverley Street	900.00	
275 Harvard Avenue	720.00	
		2,725.00
Interest and Premiums, Bonds and Debentures		11,547.68
Donations		258.55
Life Members Fees		335.00
Bank Interest		22.61
Property Sold 1025 Grosvenor		1,918.93
Property Sold 174 Perth		1,856.37
		$21,721.71

Schedule "4"

STATEMENT OF BENEFICIARY FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1943

No.	Name of lodge.	On Account Of	Amount
1.	Prince Rupert	Mrs. C. S.	$ 125.00
1.	Prince Rupert	H. C.	105.00
1.	Prince Rupert	R. G. D.	5.00
2.	Lisgar	Mrs. F. J.	125.00
3.	Ancient Landmark	Mrs. McC.	185.00
3.	Ancient Landmark	W. P.	89.00
3.	Ancient Landmark	Mrs. D. O'C.	125.00
3.	Ancient Landmark	Mrs. C. J. T.	95.00
4.	St. John's	Mrs. C. W.	90.00
4.	St. John's	Mrs. F. J. B.	125.00
4.	St. John's	C. R. McL.	125.00
8.	King Solomon	J. H. S.	65.00
10.	Northern Light	Mrs. E. E. B.	60.00
10.	Northern Light	Mrs. E. M. Q.	60.00
11.	Gladstone	Miss M. E.	185,00
12.	Stonewall	Mrs. McF.	245.00
12.	Stonewall	Mrs. G. W.	125.00
12.	Stonewall	Mrs. F. S.	185.00
24.	Neepawa	Mrs. T.	185.00
25.	Ionic	Mrs. E. E. D.	180.00
25.	Ionic	Mrs. I. L. MacQ.	125.00
27.	Glenwood	Mrs. C. F. R.	165.00
40.	Deloraine	Mrs. G. R. A.	185.00
43.	Lebanon	A. M.	125.00
51.	Treherne	A. M. W.	40.00
52.	Hartney	A. T. F.	125.00
55.	East Star	T. A. A.	305.00
62.	Russell	A. M.	185.00
63.	Holland	Mrs. E. F.	23.75
68.	Vermillion	Mrs. W. H. L.	125.00
84.	Hamiota	Mrs. I. R.	125.00
90.	Midlothian	Mrs. M. C.	125.00
92.	Shoal Lake	Mrs. I. J.	125.00
93.	King Edward	H. H. J.	240.00
93.	King Edward	Mrs. J. G. H.	185.00
94.	Hiram	Mrs. F. G. H.	125.00
100.	Robbie Burns	W. E. J. B.	125.00
102.	Miniota	J. P.	180.00
107.	Lansdowne	J. McD.	45.00
111.	Acacia	Mrs. H. H.	15.00
	Forward		$5,177.75

Schedule "4"

STATEMENT OF BENEFICIARY FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1943

No.	Name of Lodge,	On Account Of	Amount
	Forward		$5,177.75
111.	Acacia	H. W. C.	20.00
112.	Ophir	Mrs. B. R. T.	305.00
114.	"The Assiniboine"	F. W. T.	20.00
119.	Norwood	Mrs. V. H.	125.00
119.	Norwood	Mrs. F. A. McD.	125.00
121.	St. James	Mrs. J. MacG.	180.00
124.	The Pas	Mrs. M. J.	10.00
129.	Shellmouth	Mrs. G.	95.00
134.	Stony Mountain	W. J. P.	40.00
143.	Mt. Sinai	Mrs. F. Z.	125.00
144.	Ft. Osborne	Mrs. L. F. M. B.	40.00
155.	Carman	G. McC.	25.00
			$6,287.75

Schedule "5"

STATEMENT OF MORTGAGE LOANS
BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND

As at March 31st, 1943

	Principal
Loan No. 2.	$1,600.00
Loan No. 5.	719.82
Loan No. 38.	1,300.00
Loan No. 40.	798.36
Loan No. 41.	1,903.66
	$6,321.84

On montion of R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3), seconded by R.W. Bro. A. H. Steventon (3), the report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through the Committee on Finance begs to submit the following report.

The Committee on Finance has met regularly each month and all matters pertaining to accounts of Grand Lodge are dealt with, carefully checked, and if in order, approved for payment.

This Committee appreciated the careful attention given all matters of expenditure by the Grand Secretary.

The Financial Statements are printed, wherein the Auditors show the Income and Expenditure budgeted for the year ending March 31st, 1943:

Income: Budgeted . . . $10,825.00 Actual . . $10,720.00
$105.00 less than anticipated.

Expenditure: Budgeted . . . $10,650.00 Actual . . $10,118.37
$511.63 less than anticipated.

The increasing number of members attaining Life Memberships is decreasing the income of Grand Lodge and this Committee suggests that some rearrangement be made to allow Grand Lodge to receive from the subordinate Lodges, some income from Life Members.

Your Committee has prepared and herewith submits for your consideration, a statement of approximate Income and Expenditure for the year ending March 31st, 1944.

INCOME

Dues	$ 8,800.00	
Initiations	500.00	
Master Mason Certificates	450.00	
Past Master Certificates	60.00	
Life Member Certificates	60.00	
Life Members' Fees	325.00	
Dispensations	45.00	
Supplies	400.00	
		$10,640.00

EXPENDITURE

Salaries and Cost of Living Bonus	$ 4,300.00	
Rent	800.00	
Insurance	100.00	
Postage and Stamp Tax	350.00	
Stationery and Office Supplies	200.00	
Grand Master's Regalia	265.00	
Grand Master's Expense	500.00	
Master Mason Certificates	45.00	
Library Maintenance	1,085.00	
Standing Committees	100.00	
Unemployment Insurance	90.00	
Exchange	29.00	
Proceedings	700.00	
Grand Lodge Communication	700.00	
Auditors	150.00	
Telephone and Telegraph	125.00	
Banff Conference	300.00	
Travelling Expenses	150.00	
Flowers, Christmas, etc.	120.00	
Masonic Relief Association and Warning Circulars	50.00	
Miscellaneous	200.00	
		$10,359.00
Outstanding Beneficiary Loan		2,000.00
		$12,359.00

Fraternally submitted,

A. H. STEVENTON,
Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Bro. A. H. Steventon (3), seconded by R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter (111), the report was received and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through the Committee on Investments, begs to submit the following Report:

The Investments of the Grand Lodge, as at March 31st, 1943, aggreggate $280,842.57, distributed as follows:

BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND:
BONDS AND DEBENTURES:

Dominion of Canada	$58,395.00	
Province of Manitoba	88,201.25	
Province of Saskatchewan	21,000.00	
Province of Alberta	10,000.00	
Province of British Columbia	14,955.00	
Canadian National Railway	8,000.00	
Point Grey, B.C.	9,925.00	
Greater Winnipeg Water District	16,045.00	
City of Winnipeg	2,177.83	
		$228,699.08
War Savings Certificates		480.00
		$229,179.08

BENEFICIARY FUND

Province of Manitoba	$ 4,500.00	
Dominion of Canada	12,700.00	
		17,200.00
Total Bonds		$246,379.08
Real Estate	$28,141.65	
Mortgage Loans	6,321.84	
		34,463.49
		$280,842.57
Cash on Hand, and in Bank		7,296.16
Grand Total		$288,138.73

Through funds made available from the sale of two properties (174 Perth avenue and 1025 Grosvenor avenue), payments on account of Principal on Mortgage Loans, Life Membership Fees and Donations, an additional $11,000.00 of Dominion Government War Loan Bonds were purchased during the year.

It is satisfactory to note that our Investments in Government Bonds is increasing; this year's total being $11,000.00 greater than as at March 31st, 1942, while the Investment in Real Estate and Mortgage Loans is being steadily reduced. These Accounts show a decrease of $6,185.46 for the year under review.

The Winnipeg dwelling properties, owned by Grand Lodge, four in number, are rented to good tenants, and are in a fairly satisfactory condition. During the year considerable expense was incurred in necessary repairs, and with payments on account of Taxes and Insurance, the total Expenditures amounted to $2,686.87. The Revenue from Rentals was $2,725.00, leaving a Net Revenue of $38.13.

Payments on account of Mortgage Principal and Interest during the year have been satisfactory, as shown hereunder:

Paid Mortgage Principal	$2,612.83
Paid Mortgage Interest	444.74
	3,057.57

The $10,000.00, 4½% Province of Alberta Bonds, included in our Investment Account, we regret to report, are still in default with respect to Interest payments, and there does not appear to be any prospect of immediate improvement in the situation. In order to keep alive our claim for payment of Interest in full, and to keep within the six year limitation, it has been considered advisable to cash in on Coupons due July, 1936, and January, 1937, at half of the Bond interest rate.

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, the Beneficiary Fund has been credited with the Net Revenue from Investments in the amount of $11,207.00.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEX. BURGESS,
Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3), seconded by R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1), the report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE AND APPEALS

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through its Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals wishes to report that during the past year your Committee has met on several occasions to consider questions submitted to it by the Most Worshipful the Grand

Master, and on each occasion your Committee has given the Most Worshipful Grand Master the benefit of its legal opinion, but no useful purpose would be served by detailing here the different matters, as each was of importance only to the particular Lodge or member involved.

Your Committee had referred to it all Notice of Motion providing for amendments to the Constitution, all of which amendments your Committee approved as to form and all of which will be considered at this Communication of Grand Lodge.

During the past year your Committee has had a fine measure of co-operation from our Grand Secretary and wishes to express its appreciation to him for his co-operation.

Fraternally submitted,

S. HART GREEN,
Chairman, Jurisprudence and Appeals Committee.

On motion of R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green (143), seconded by R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (113), the report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worship Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Reviews fraternally submit its annual report, having reviewed all Proceedings submitted to them.

Many contributions to the War Effort are noted; Relief Funds being established, with services of various types being rendered. Conditions in general throughout the Craft showed improvement, with an increase of applications for the Degrees, while losses are less. Education, both Masonic and Civic continues to be foremost in a number of Grand Lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

H. M. KERR,
Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr (113), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell (114), the report was received and adopted.

MOTION RE MASONIC DISTRICTS

That the Masonic Districts, as at present constituted, remain so for the ensuing year, with the following exception, that Sprague Lodge No. 132 be added to the Eighth Masonic District, at their request, as at July 1st, 1943.

Moved by R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell (114), seconded by R.W. Bro. Ben C. Parker (4), the motion was carried.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 3.55 by M.W. Bro. Stanley H. Fahrni, Grand Master, to see two War Films presented by the National Film Board. The Evening Session to open at 8.00 o'clock.

WAR FILMS

At the request of the National Film Board, the following films were presented after the close of the Afternoon Session:

1. The Battle of the Harvests.

2. The Mask of Nippon.

These were very interesting and educational films, and enjoyed by all the brethren.

Evening Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters and Distinguished Visitors entered in procession, the brethren singing, "O God of Love."

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor by most Worshipful Stanley H. Fahrni, Grand Master, at 8.10, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Rev. J. L. McInnis.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISED VISITORS

Our distinguished Visitors were presented at the Altar:

Grand Lodge of Alberta:
M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith, Grand Master.
Presented by M.W. Bro. Canon G. R. Calvert.

Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan:
M.W. Bro. C. P. Seeley, I.P.G.M.
R.W. Bro. R. A. Tate, Grand Secretary.
Presented by M.W. Bro. N. J. Black.

Grand Lodge of Minnesota:
M.W. Bro. Louis H. Colson, Grand Master
M.W. Bro. Wm. P. Sturtz, I.P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. Judge C. C. Colton, P.G.M.

R.W. Bro. Dick Mitchell, Deputy Grand Master
Presented by M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence.

Grand Lodge of North Dakota:
M.W. Bro. Wm. Hall, Grand Master.
M.W. Bro. Charles C. Pollock, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. Ralph W. Stanford, P.G.M., Minnesota.
Presented by M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd.

Our Distinguished Visitors were accorded Grand Honors and the M.W. Grand Master addressed them as follows:

To M.W. Bro. Galbraith, Alberta:

> "Just about a year ago you and your Alberta Brothers did great honor to three of us from Manitoba, and it is pleasing indeed to have the opportunity to reciprocate in such way as we can. Yours is one of the daughter Grand Lodges of Manitoba that has outstripped the parent in size and extent. We congratulate you in all you have achieved. May your successes continue to multiply."

To M.W. Bro. Seeley, Saskatchewan:

> "Last year when you were Grand Master you found it impossible to be with us, but you sent your Deputy Grand Master. Now, M.W. Bro. Douglas Fraser being in like circumstances has sent you. The only better arrangement I could think of would be for you both to be here both years. However, we are delighted to have you now, and we look forward with much anticipation to your address tomorrow evening. We hope you will enjoy your stay with us at least nearly as much as we enjoy having you."

To R.W. Bro. Tate, Saskatchewan:

> "You are almost one of us in Manitoba, and we hope you will continue to visit us each year on the first Wednesday in June."

To M.W. Bro. Colson, Minnesota:

> "This is not your first visit to this Grand Lodge and we are delighted to have you back with us this year. First of course, in your capacity as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, secondly but not less warmly, on your personal behalf. As you will have seen, a strong

hand of friendship has developed between our Grand Lodges and your presence here proves that you will strengthen that bond at every opportunity."

To R.W. Bro. Mitchell, Minnesota:

"You have come supporting your Grand Master (not that I think he needs anyone's support) and we welcome you, both as his deputy and as a Freemason held in highest esteem by the men who know you best."

To M.W. Bro. Sturtz, Minnesota:

"Your presence here proves that you too are a believer in the denial of the existence of an international boundary with reference to Freemasonry. The inspiring address you gave us last year has been widely read throughout the Jurisdiction so we are greatly in your debt. It is a delight to have you with us again this year."

To M.W. Bro. Colton and M.W. Bro. Stanford, Minnesota:

"You pay us a great compliment by coming back to us year after year, and by so doing have given us a chance to really get to know you. The latch string you will always find on the outside; it is a delight to have you with us again."

To M.W. Bro. Wm. Hall, North Dakota:

"It is indeed pleasing to welcome you on this your first visit to our Grand Lodge. As you perceive, Freemasonry in our two countries, treat international boundaries as ethereal lines without even markings; our Grand Lodges enjoy the closest of fraternal relations and your presence here today shows that you are out to cement them still further. May your stay with us be most happy."

To M.W. Bro. Pollock, North Dakota:

"What can I say more than a great Masonic function in Winnipeg would be out of gear if you were not present. You brought yourself much closer to us as spokesman for that glorious standard so dear to you and so prized by us You with M.W. Bro. Forkner extended Freemasonry into international good will, when you made the historic presentation of 'Old Glory' to this Grand Lodge one year ago tonight. Both of you are looked upon as belonging to us. May you so consider yourselves."

"Most Worshipful Brethren, kindly conduct our Distinguished Visitors to seats in the Grand East."

FLAG CEREMONY

Bro. Lieut. John Cameron (Cameron Highlanders)
carrying the Union Jack.
Bro. Lieut. Wm. Hoffman (United States Army)
Carrying the "Stars and Stripes".
were received and presented the flags at the Altar.

The brethren sang

"God Save the King"
and
"Star Spangled Banner"
after which the flags were placed in the Grand East.

RECEIVING REPRESENTATIVES OF SISTER GRAND LODGES

Alberta	R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr
Arkansas	R.W. Bro. J. D. Harrower
British Columbia	R.W. Bro. Rev. C. E. Somerset
Canada (in Ontario)	M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence
Chili	M.W. Bro. N. J. Black
Colorado	R.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy
Connecticut	R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan
Costa Rica	R.W. Bro. R. McKenzie
Cuba	W. Bro. J. Morgan Davies
Delaware	R.W. Bro. John Coulter
Denmark	M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni
District of Columbia	R.W. Bro. A. H. Steventon
Egypt	R.W. Bro. E. T. Hardman
England	M.W. Bro. Justice W. J. Major
France, N.G.L.	R.W. Bro. C. H. Midwinter
Georgia	R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell
Illinois	R.W. Bro. W. R. Leslie
Ireland	M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd
Kansas	M.W. Bro. Jabez Miller
Maine	R.W. Bro. W. D. Harper
Mexico	R.W. Bro. M. A. Nitikman
Minnesota	R.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker

Mississippi	M.W. Bro. Geo. N. Jackson
Montana	R.W. Bro. M. S. Watson
Nebraska	R.W. Bro. Hugh Mackenzie
Netherlands	M.W. Bro. A. L. Crossin
New Brunswick	M.W. Bro. Canon G. R. Calvert
New Hampshire	M.W. Bro. George Hunter
New Mexico	R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly
New South Wales	M.W. Bro. Jas. Mackie
New Zealand	R.W. Bro. Sam. Burland
Nova Scotia	M.W. Bro. D. S. Woods
Ohio	W. Bro. A. E. Boyle
Oklahoma	V.W. Bro. Harry M. Smith
Porto Rico	R.W. Bro. Geo. V. Henderson
Quebec	R.W. Bro. Harvey T. Waters
Rio de Janeiro	R.W. Bro. Wm. Cairns
Saskatchewan	R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess
Scotland	M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas
South Australia	R.W. Bro. Daniel Hawe
South Carolina	R.W. Bro. Chas. R. Sayer
South Dakota	R.W. Bro. Tom. Stockdale
Tennessee	M.W. Bro. J. S. MacEwing
Utah	R.W. Bro. Donald MacDonald
Vermont	R.W. Bro. Dr. F. K. Purdie
Virginia	M.W. Bro. Harry Woods
Washington	R.W. Bro. Geo. R. Mackay
West Virginia	M.W. Bro. Wm. Fenwick
Wisconsin	V.W. Bro. Wm. J. Edwards

The Grand Master addressed the Grand Representatives as follows:

> "Brethren, you speak in the name of brotherly love, relief, truth, and bring greetings which might indeed be in many languages but still be understandable among Freemasons. It is with pleasure that I accept the fraternal greetings from the Grand Lodges you represent. I charge you now, my brethren, to communicate without delay with the Grand Lodges you represent and in course of your report, carry to them the warmest fraternal greetings from this Grand Lodge.
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> Some of your Grand Lodges are under the enemy's heel. To correspond with them now would be almost certain to bring them dire trouble. But we shall pray and work for them and in time deliver them."

M.W. Bro. Justice W. J. Major (25), in his usual quiet and impressive manner, thanked the M.W. Grand Master for his message and friendy greetings.

Grand Honors were given the Grand Representatives.

Singing—conducted by the Grand Organist,
V.W. Bro. J. J. Lyon.

PRESENTATION OF FIFTY-YEAR JEWEL

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Stanley H. Fahrni, made a presentation of a Fifty-Year Jewel to R.W. Bro. John Coulter, the Treasurer of our Treherne Lodge No. 51, and congratulated him on having had the privilege of serving the Craft faithfully and well during the past Fifty years, and wished him many more years of Service to Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
A.F. & A.M.:

My Brethren:

My first word to you tonight must be one of thanksgiving. Thanks to Almighty God for His presence in this shocking world, laid waste by evil minds of humans whom He blessed with creation in His own image; thanks for the right to live, to work, and for the will to stand and go forward against all odds; thanks for the opportunities given us to have a part in winning the age-long battle of right against wrong, light against darkness. Since our last Grand Lodge Communciation, we have entered well into the fourth year of war, and into the fruition of well-laid plans and preparations which have commenced to turn us from losses to gains. Now we are on the offensive, with the sure knowledge that the strength of the Almighty arm is our constant support.

My next word is one of welcome to this, the Sixty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons. Welcome to those of you who come year after year, because you want to come, to renew old friendships and make new, because you want to have a part in the governing of the Craft. Welcome to you who as Masters and Wardens may be here for the first time. May you find inspiration that will aid you the better to understand and direct the work of your own Lodges. To you Master Masons, I extend an especially warm welcome. It is on your shoulders that the responsibilities of the Craft will be borne in the near future. May your experiences here further open your eyes to the promise of progress through Masonic ideals. While these responsibilities may not become lighter, neither will they be irksome, but rather will they be intensely satisfying. My associations with the Craft throughout the province for the past year have been very close, and it is a delight to me to see so many familiar faces from all corners of the Jurisdiction. When, twelve months ago, you placed me in the exalted position of your Grand Master, I realized that the load was not a light one, and that the responsibilities of the Office might be discharged only with the co-operation and willing aid of my brother officers, Past Grand Masters, the Committees and the good-will of the Craft. All this I have enjoyed in a rich measure, for which my heartfelt thanks are now given. That I have failed in accomplishing much that I hoped to do is readily admitted, but that is not due to the shortcomings of anyone else, but rather to my own limited ability. During my short year of office, I have tried to do what appeared to be in the greatest interest of the Craft. If there have been errors, the fault is mine. As a small measure of return for the high honor you have done me in making me your Grand Master, it has been a great privilege for me to serve you in the best way I know how.

Tomorrow I hand my successor the gavel of authority; my term will have merged into the history of Freemasonry in Manitoba. Tonight I bring you an account of my stewardship.

During the year just passed the scythe of time has not been idle. It is with deep sorrow that I report the passing of our beloved Past Grand Master M.W. Bro. Henry J. Pugh, who graced this high office in the year 1908-9. Blessed with a long and useful life, much of which was well spent in the service of the Craft, M.W. Bro. Pugh was called to the Grand Lodge above on November 4th, 1942.

R.W. Bro. (Rev.) James S. Miller, Past Grand Chaplain of this Grand Lodge, passed away on May 8th, 1943.

We join with our English brethren in mourning the loss of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent, the M.W. the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, who met his death gallantly, as befitted him, in the service of his country. The plane in which he was being flown on a special secret mission, crashed in a fog on the way to Iceland on August 25th, 1942. The condolences of this Grand Lodge were cabled to the United Grand Lodge of England. This distinguished brother who has given his life in the cause of freedom is especially dear to us—Manitoba, for but a scant year ago reference was made by our then Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Calvert, to the graciousness of the great Freemason in granting him an audience in Government House, in our own Capital City, Winnipeg, when our Royal Brother took personal charge of the contribution which your Grand Lodge was privileged to make to our brethren and their families in the war-torn British Isles.

M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, the veteran Grand Secretary of our daughter Grand Lodge of Alberta, died on October 13th, 1942. It was my privilege to meet this distinguished Freemason in Alberta last June. I found him a staunch friend of Manitoba and well-beloved by his brethren everywhere.

M.W. Bro. T. R. Stoner, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota in 1922, passed away on July 3rd, 1942.

M.W. Bro. Allan Vergil Haig, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota in 1920-21, passed away on January 19th, 1942.

M.W. Bro. Harry Lord, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota in 1915-16, passed away on October 13th, 1942.

M.W. Bro. James D. Markham, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota in 1924, passed away on January 4th, 1943.

M.W. Bro. Joseph L. Mitchell, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota in 1931, passed away on February 8th, 1943.

M.W. Bro. Gustaf Widell, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota in 1907, passed away on March 5th, 1943.

With these and other Grand Lodges we mourn the loss of their brethren who have answered the Great Summons. May the lives they lived and the influence shed therefrom be their greatest and everlasting monuments. "When the sun sinks below the horizon he is not set; the Heavens glow for some period after his departure. So, when a great and good man departs, the sky of this world is luminous long after he is out of sight." Such men as these departed brothers leave behind an influence which, like the afterglow of the setting sun, lingers with those who remain.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead will make its report, which will embrace the whole Jurisdiction and have reference to all who have passed the veil during the past year. Appropriate recognition will be afforded the Past Grand Officers to whom I have referred in a place set aside for such purposes.

"They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them, nor years condemn."

"At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."

Invitations:

My first official act after taking office a year ago was to journey to Edmonton, and together with M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, P.G.M., and our Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell, represented Manitoba at the Thirty-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. M.W. Bro. George F. Ellis, the Grand Master, had honored this Grand Lodge by his presence a week before, and notwithstanding the heavy duties which were his, he met our train at Edmonton at 6.50 a.m. The two days that followed were full of kindly acts, big and little, on the part of our Alberta brethren, towards their guests. At the opening session of their Grand Lodge, which was held in their beautiful and commodious Temple, I was received and in your behalf was accorded the Grand Honors. M.W. Bro. Henderson and R.W. Bro. Russell having preceded me. It was very pleasing to find in attendance there the Senior Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwait, who has practised his profession in Edmonton for many years, and is now a valued member of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. The countenance of sunny Alberta is reflected in the very beings of its people. The brethren from all parts were kindness itself, and in their every act showed the true principles of Freemasonry. It was my pleasure to see M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith elected and installed into office as Grand Master. He honors us with his presence here today. I had the pleasure of driving from Edmonton to Calgary with M.W. Bro. Ellis and Mrs. Ellis, where they were most kind and gracious to Mrs. Fahrni and myself.

On June 17th and 18th last, again accompanied by our genial Grand Secretary, I attended the Thirty-sixth Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan at Regina. There, too, I was received with the Grand

Honors and accorded every courtesy and kindness. There I saw M.W. Bro. Seeley in action, presiding over his brethren, and in fine form. M.W. Bro. Galbraith was present, representing the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and at one of the sessions presented me with the Certificate of Membership of an Honorary Past Grand Master, which honor had been conferred on me by the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Later in the day the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan paid me the similar honor. I accepted these honors as gestures of fealty and love toward the mother Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and shall all my life cherish the moments when I was made recipient of them. These two daughter Grand Lodges give us every cause to be proud of our close connection with them, and raise in our hearts feelings of loyalty and devotion. Our Grand Representative near them, M.W. Bro. Sam Harris in Alberta, who when he was Grand Master visited our Grand Communication in 1941, and R.W. Bro. W. O. Fraser in Saskatchewan, were constantly on hand to see that we from Manitoba wanted for nothing when we were their guests .

It was with great regret that I was unable personally to accept the invitation to attend the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, since its dates clashed with those of Saskatchewan. I was ably represented, however, by your Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Ben C. Parker, who was accompanied by others from this Grand Lodge.

For causes over which I had no control, I was unable personally to accept the invitation to attend the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, held at St. Paul in January last. M.W. Bro. Calvert represented me there, and carried the greetings from Manitoba. He was accompanied by M.W. Bro. Harry Woods, who with a team of Manitoba brethren installed the Officers in that Grand Lodge.

North Dakota and Minnesota, like our neighboring Canadian Grand Lodges, are very close to us, Masonically as well as geographically, and that relationship is growing in strength and depth as the years go by. May it long continue, bearing for us all the fruits of friendship and brotherly love.

With sincere regrets I found myself unable to accept the invitations to attend the Grand Communications of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, held at Toronto on July 15th and 16th last, and the Grand Lodge of Illinois, held in Chicago.

On July 12th, at the invitation of R.W. Bro. Grimson, I attended the International Picnic at Masonic Island on Lake Metigoshe, on the boundary waters of Manitoba and North Dakota, in the Turtle Mountains. I was accompanied by a goodly number of Manitoba brethren from Winnipeg, Gladstone and points closer to the International Boundary. The Grand Master of North Dakota, M.W. Bro. Hall, who we welcome here today, brought an inspiring message, as did M.W. Bro. Forkner, well known to us all. I was privileged to bring greetings from Manitoba, and your Junior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, delivered the chief address of the day in his usual fine form. Much favorable comment has been made by my predecessors, and I add my tribute to the effort made to constitute that Island as a Masonic Shrine. One must visit the spot to appreciate it, and I would recommend to every Mason who can to do just that. There he will see an open air Lodge room, walled and roofed by gigantic trees. The natural beauty has been preserved, aided by the beautifying hands of ardent Freemasons, chiefly directed and inspired by R.W. Bro. Grimson, residing at Rugby, North Dakota. There is accommodation for Lodge meetings with unlimited attendance, and Lodges on both sides of the International Boundary are invited to use this delightful meeting place and all its appurtenances.

A function which I found myself unable to attend, though with all the Canadian Grand Masters I was invited to, was the Conference of Grand Masters of America, held at Washington, D.C., on February 23rd and 24th last. Scanning the proceedings of it which have just come to hand, I note that the only Canadian Grand Master who attended was M.W. Bro. Galbraith, who was in Eastern Canada at the time, and is well qualified to speak for us all in Canada. War travel restrictions were the reasons offered for the absence of the others. From the proceedings I note that the Grand Lodges elsewhere in America are faced with problems very similar to our own. This Conference idea permits the discussion of common difficulties and situations, and is fruitful in finding means of overcoming them.

Coming closer to home, I now refer to what has come to be known as "The Western Conference." Reference has previously been made to it in this Grand Lodge. It may therefore suffice for me to say that it is a conference of the Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters, Senior Grand Wardens and Grand Secretaries, and now the Immediate Past Grand Masters of each of the four Western Canadian Jurisdictions — British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba, held yearly at Banff, at the call of the Grand Master of Alberta. A start was made in 1935, when M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt, our then Grand Master, attended. It was reconvened and set up as a continuing effort in 1941. The 1942 Conference was held on August 21st and 22nd. Those in attendance were:

British Columbia:
M.W. Bro. W. P. Marchant, Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. J. G. Brown, Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Wm. Menzies, Senior Grand Warden.
M.W. Bro. Frank S. McKee, Grand Secretary.

Alberta:
M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith, Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Russell Bradley, Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Wm. Ireland, Senior Grand Master.
M.W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis, I.P.G.M.
M.W Bro. A. M. Mitchell, P.G.M.

Saskatchewan:
M.W. Bro. Douglas Fraser, Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. W. J. Brannion, Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, Grand Secretary.

Manitoba:

R.W. Bro. C. Parker, Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell, Grand Secretary.
M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, P.G.M. and your Grand Master.

M.W. Bros. Galbraith and Ellis were elected Chairman and Secretary respectively; stenographic service was afforded by the kindness of M.W. Bro. Ellis, with the idea of assuring a verbatim report of the proceedings.

From the outset it was clear that all present shared in the belief that the Conferences would serve the excellent purpose of pooling of ideas for the orderly operation of Grand Lodges and, as far as possible, an advisable uniformity of procedure; but without power or desire of inflicting its findings upon any Grand Lodge. To give an idea of the activities of the Conference, I set out herewith its prepared program:

1.	A Joint Masonic Bulletin for the four Western Canadian Jurisdictions with Editing Committee	M.W. Bro. Fraser
2.	A workable plan for exchange of information re-movements of members from one Jurisdiction to another	R.W. Bro. Tate
3.	Interprovincial Meetings	M.W. Bro. Fraser
4	Study of Post War Youth Rehabilitation	R.W. Bro. Tate
5.	The Practical Appeal of Masonic Education	M.W. Bro. Fahrni
6.	The Problem of the Indifferent Member	M.W. Bro. Marchant
7.	Freemasonry and Adult Education	R.W. Bro. Brannion
8.	Masonic Relief Funds	R.W. Bro. Brown
9.	The Appeal of the Craft to Youth	R.W. Bro. Parker
10.	Forum opened by	R.W. Bro. Bradley

Suggested topics:

(a) Keeping track of the unaffiliated Mason.
(b) Should Demits be good for a fixed period only.
(c) Life Memberships: Should they be purchasable?
And any other subjects which might be introduced.

It will be noted that every subject is of live interest to this Grand Lodge. A lively and enlightening discussion followed the opening of each subject, opening countless channels for exploration. I am satisfied that much good has already come out of these Annual Conferences, although they are just getting started. I recommend the full support of this Grand Lodge to the movement, and that when our delegates are increased to the full quota, consideration to the personnel of same be given by the Board of General Purposes when organizing its permanent committees.

Throughout the year I have stressed the opportunities of Freemasonry for genuine service in Canada's War Effort and the responsibilities which, due to our training in Masonic ideals, are surely ours, with particular reference to the winning and maintaining of the Peace that is to follow. I am convinced that there is a job for every man in the Craft. The question is: Are we doing that job, or how can we do it better and more effectively? Are we too prone to confine our Masonic ardor to the Lodge room, or do we make it part of our everyday lives, coloring our every contact with mankind. Be sure, that much is expected of each one of us because of the enviable reputation the Craft has enjoyed from time immemorable. The older I become, the closer are the ties I see between Freemasonry and Christianity. In fact, they have to me become synonymous terms. Aside from dogma, in which I am not interested, what does the "Raising" mean, if not resurrection and new life. Yet the universality of the Order cannot be denied. It is practised equally well by Mohammedan, Hindu, Confucian, Jew or Christian. Freemasonry detests war; therefore we must wage war to the death; then we must see that conditions that make for war are forever eliminated. Yes, my brethren, it is life that counts. What we are will decide what we do, and Freemasonry builds men's lives.

I have been privileged to attend all eleven District Communications, but only sixteen of the Constituent Lodges

—true, not nearly as many as I had hoped to visit. Everywhere I met with brethren who were kindness itself, and were loud in their appreciation of being visited by the head of the Craft in the Jurisdiction. Without exception the Grand Honors were accorded, and every possible consideration given me. There is nothing quite so satisfying as human friendship made plain. Recollection of these visits will remain bright with me for the rest of my days.

I have to report a strong upsurge of Masonic activity and thought in every District. Degrees are being conferred in, I should say, every Lodge. While that is important, it gives way to the fact that each Lodge is giving consideration to the reasons for existence. Study Clubs and Groups are becoming more active; more reading is being done, assisted greatly by the efforts put forth through our Library under the driving force of M.W. Bro. Harry Woods. While the Grand Secretary's report will show a small net loss in membership at the end of 1943, I believe the outflow has now ceased. I am satisfied, though, that we are daily making real gains, in the realization of the responsibility of each Lodge, from the Master down to the youngest Entered Apprentice. Therefore I say to you, my brethren, that "We Go Forward."

Many of our new Initiates are young men in the Army, Navy and Air Force, and it is heartening to see them accepted into the Order on the eve of their embarking on the great adventure. I have met, in Lodges, brethren attached to all these Services. To me the Masonic Apron looks best when worn upon Navy Blue, Khaki or Air Force Blue. I have personally talked on many occasions with uniformed brethren from England, Ireland, Scotland, Australia, New Zealand, Norway, Holland, many States of the Union, and from all parts of Canada. They have convinced me that Freemasonry has really gone to war.

May I here say a word of commendation to the Lodges instituted near training camps, chiefly air ports, since we have so many of them compared with the other branches of the Services. Everywhere these Lodges are rising to their opportunities, which they deem their responsibilities, in getting in touch with members of the Craft stationed there. The boys themselves tell of the kindnesses heaped upon them by local Masons, both in their Lodge rooms and in their homes. These young men are ambassadors of good-will, and I can assure you that our brethren are treating them as such. Their treatment at our hands will in a large measure mould the feeling of good-will and unity, or otherwise, which will exist between the United Nations in the years to follow the war. Every kindly, brotherly act we do for these men, be they Craftsmen or no, every creditable act they see performed toward others, will surely bear the fruits of a united and friendly world.

May I say a word about these young men themselves —these our heroes, though they dislike being called that. "The flower of our youth," is not a hackneyed phrase when it is applied to them. They have volunteered for the most dangerous job on earth. They offer all they have, their life itself, knowing what will probably happen to them. I know one of our fliers, 21 years of age, who wrote to a fellow-Mason he had met in a Lodge room, and who had just lost a son in the Air Force. He wrote: "Be of good cheer; your son is happy that his offer has been 'accepted'." That young Mason's offer, too, was "accepted" a few months later. Brethren, these are the men who go out in our name, for our cause. Too many will not return. Their "offers will be accepted." We cannot all join them in the active fight, but we can do our utmost in the same cause wherever we are. If Freemasons the world over will it, they can and will see that these have not died in vain. That is our certain and lasting responsibility.

One of the joys of a Grand Master is the privilege of doing honor to our veterans in the Craft. This year the following brethren earned for themselves the right to wear the Fifty-Year Jewel. The presentations were made as follows:

M.W. Bro. George N. Jackson, initiated in Acacia Lodge No. 61, G.R.C., on December 10th, 1892; affiliated with Ionic Lodge No. 25, G.R.M., on November 2nd, 1906. Was Master of his Lodge in 1912, and presided in the Grand East of this Grand Lodge in the years 1921-22. In my behalf, M.W. Bro. Jabez Miller presented the Jewel in Ionic Lodge No. 25 on January 4th, 1943.

Bro. Richard A. Pounder was initiated in Glenwood Lodge No. 27, G.R.M., at Souris Manitoba, on September 2nd, 1892. R.W. Bro. W. L. Leppert, the D.D.G.M. of the Sixth Masonic District, presented him with his Jewel at Glenwood Lodge on May 28th, 1943.

Bro. Samuel J. Hart was initiated in Granite Lodge No. 352, G.R.C.; affiliated with Robbie Burns Lodge No. 100 on May 12th, 1905. At my request R.W. Bro. H. A. Alley, the D.D.G.M. of the Ninth Masonic District, presented him with his Jewel at his home near Gilbert Plains, Manitoba, on May 12th, 1943.

R.W. Bro. J. Coulter was initiated in Mississippi Lodge No. 147, G.R.C., on June 6th, 1893; affiliated with Treherne Lodge No. 51, G.R.M., on February 24th, 1899. Presided as Master of his Lodge in 1900. Served as D.D.G.M. of the Third Masonic District for the year 1903-4. I hope to invest him with his Jewel at this Communication.

We delight to rejoice with these brethren who have so long borne the burdens, who carried the banner of Freemasonry when the going was hard. We delight to honor them. We hope and pray that as they approach the sunset of life they will reap full satisfaction and joy of a good life well spent.

I have had numerous applications to shorten the time between Degrees made necessary when a candidate was ordered Overseas. In all such cases I have done my best to assist the Lodge in finishing the work and sending the brother on his way, a just and upright Master Mason. In some cases the reasons given by the Lodge were not, in my opinion, sufficient, and I believe that in all such cases degrees were conferred in due course.

One Lodge established that its Worshipful Master had failed to attend any of his Lodge Meetings or discharge his other duties of his office throughout his whole year, though he was available to attend all communications but one. After receiving the report from the D.D.G.M. and the Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals, and after considering the Worshipful Master's written defence, which did not disclose to me ample reason for his behavior, I suspended him from office.

There was referred to me the fact that one Lodge had conferred a degree within a time shorter than provided by the Constitution, without a dispensation. The Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals gave as its opinion that the degree was illegally conferred, and therefore a nullity. After satisfying myself that:

1. It was an error on the part of the Lodge;
2. That the time had been shortened only a few days;
3. That the candidate had shown proficiency in the preceding degree;
4. That the Master Mason Certificate was already in his hands, and he had visited as a Master Mason;
5. That the D.D.G.M. had carefully investigated the case and was satisfied that the Lodge had learned its lesson, and would abide by the Constitution in the future;

I permitted the healing of the brother in question.

It seems almost natural for many people in the world to treat laws, rules and regulations as things to be shot at or circumnavigated. Others wink at restrictions, and perhaps without malice aforethought disregard them. I regret to note that the brethren of this Jurisdiction are not wholly free from such habits. Let me say to them now, that even a minor infringement of your bylaws, the Constitution or the law of the State, is an offence against Freemasonry. Brethren, consider again the solemn obligation taken by all, the charges of a Freemason and the reputation of the Craft. If your bylaws or the Constitution err, correct them by the Constitutional means. That is the Masonic way. To many secretaries, I would recommend a careful reading and strict compliance with Section 157 of the Constitution. Do not wait until some innocent brother is charged with not being legally a Mason, because of the neglect of a careless secretary.

One of the many pleasing duties of a Grand Master in this Jurisdiction in our present set-up is to visit the Lodges which for geographical reasons are in no Masonic District. On July 30th I drove to Winnipeg, where several brethren were to join me for a further drive to Sprague Lodge No. 132. Heavy rains during the night rendered the roads impassable, so I was obliged to forego the joy of that visit. The Deputy Grand Master represented me in paying a visit to Sprague Lodge No. 132 at a later date. He reports a fine Masonic spirit in the Lodge, and a desire to be incorporated in the Eighth Masonic District. From enquiry I am satisfied that they would be welcome there, and approved by the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry, I recommend the change.

On September 9th, accompanied by the Grand Secretary and four other brethren, I visited The Pas Lodge No. 124; and on September 10th, Flin Flin Lodge No. 153. These are our only two Lodges situated North of the 53rd parallel, and they truly exemplify the spirit of Stefanson's "Friendly North." They are Masters without, as well as within their Lodges. I assure you that Freemasonry is a living force in these two Lodges. To realize the depth of fraternal love and regard, one must visit them.

In order that proper recognition may be given for outstanding service, and seeing the Grand Master is responsible to Grand Lodge for these Lodges in particular, not attached to District, I recommend that power be given the Grand Master, after consultation with his Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens, to confer upon Past Masters of these Lodges, for distinguished service to their Lodges and to the Craft, such honorary rank as to him seems fitting, but not higher than that of a Past D.D.G.M. The Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry approves of this plan. There will, therefore, be submitted to you an enabling amendment to the Constitution at this Grand Communication.

I have been pleased to confirm the following appointments:

> On November 24th, 1942, R.W. Bro. Alfred G. Williams of Bogota Colombia, as Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Colombia. Vice Bro. Francis H. Grob, who has removed from the Jurisdiction.
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> On January 12th, 1943, W. Bro. Lyle H. Ball of Laverne, Oklahoma, as Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. Vice Bro. Clyde Ray, resigned.
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> On May 19th, 1943, R.W. Bro. G. R. Thompson, of Truro, Nova Scotia, as Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. Vice R.W. Bro. W. E. Thompson, deceased.

Brethren, a year ago this Grand Lodge decided that a fund of not less than $10,000,000 be raised by voluntary contribution in the Craft for the relief of Masons and their families who, outside of Manitoba, have suffered from the devastation of the war. A report will be made by the Committee in charge, but I am pleased to announce that the amount has been oversubscribed and payment out has already commenced. The first payment out was for relief of our brethren and their families—refugees from Hong Kong, who after fifteen months' privation, arrived at Chungking, where they were in touch with the local Masonic Lodge. We enjoy fraternal relations with the Grand Lodges under which the Lodges in Hong Kong and Chungking are chartered. I heard much about the campaign throughout the Jurisdiction, and found that it was well received by the brethren, who looked upon it as further opportunity of service. I recommend that the brethren look upon this Fund as one that must be kept in a healthy state by continued contributions. Only by so doing can you enable your Committee, in your name, to come hastily to the aid of our brethren stricken by the raveges of war; and let us not forget the truth of the adage that "He who gives quickly gives twice."

It is pleasing to note that not only is Divine Service held in or by the Constituent Lodges, but District Divine Services are becoming general. May we take this as evidence that the Freemasons of this Jurisdiction are coming to realize more fervently the need of demonstrating their Faith and Trust in the Great Architect, and a readiness to witness together for Him. May God grant that this, His work, may so continue that His goodness may be everywhere increased.

The Office of Grand Master is one of great and grave responsibility with duty, calling for strength and judgment. I have been greatly impressed and deeply moved by the unvarying kindness and readiness to help, of all the Past Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers. Nor may I stop there. The Committees of Grand Lodge have done their work well, and have shown me every consideration. I give praise to the eleven District Deputy Grand Masters for the interest they have shown in their duties and the excellent work done. Each has a decided realization of the importance of his office; the opportunities it affords him for genuine Masonic service. I acknowledge, too, their loyalty and devotion and their many acts of kindness towards me and the brethren accompanying me on my visits. The brethren throughout the Jurisdiction have been ever eager and glad to be of service. All have seemed to contrive to make my work pleasant and easier. I now express to all these brethren my warmest thanks and appreciation. To mention all their names would supply an endless list, but I must give my special thanks to M.W. Bro. Harry Woods, who was always available for counsel; to M.W. Bro. G. R. Calvert, M.W. Bro. J. T. Boyd, R.W.

Bro. Ben C. Parker, the Deputy Grand Master; R.W. Bro. Sam Burland, Senior Grand Warden, and R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, J.G.W., for their reliable assistance.

There is one brother but for whose constant thought and care my work must have been impossible. That is our beloved Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell. He is at once the guide and stay of his Grand Master and the faithful servant of his Grand Lodge. I tender him my heartfelt thanks.

And so, my brethren, as we approach the end of another year in the history of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, we look back over the period with eye critical but undismayed. We behold endeavors, filled with joys, difficulties, sorrows and, we believe, progress in the things that count in living. We see our Nation and her sister freedom-loving Nations united in a mighty struggle with powers which seek to wipe out Freedom and reduce the world to Slavery and Barbarism. The Institution of Freemasonry is marked by the enemy for certain destruction. Wherever he has gained control, first at home, then in neighboring countries, one by one, the Order has been suppressed, its properties confiscated, its members persecuted, imprisoned and put to death. The reason is not hard to find. He knows, and we know, that our Order, which lives and breathes Freedom, and Nazi ideals, cannot carry on together. They are diametrically opposed, and the ideal of one must destroy the other.

May we as Freemasons realize that no job is too big, no effort or personal sacrifice too great to make, in order to achieve victory. The Institution has no machinery for war, or even for things political, but its teachings put its votaries in the forefront of every battle, in every phase of the war. Those who cannot qualify for overseas service can fit into the equally important tasks on the home front. The Historic Declaration of His Majesty the King settled that when he said: "WE ARE ALL IN THE FRONT LINE NOW."

After heart-breaking years of defence with bare hands, entailing temporary retreats and even defeats, we have been able to build up a fighting machine the like of which was never before imagined. We were heartened by the matchless heroism of the people of England after the fall of France, when they faced the barbarians, and stood their ground against the mighty engines of war, though they were indeed bare-handed and without defence except for stout hearts, faith in God and a superb determination to remain free. We were heartened by the defence of Malta, the not less gallant though hopeless defence of Hong Kong, Bataan, Corregidor, Singapore, and Wake Island. Instead of breaking us down, as the enemy hoped and believed, these shocks have served to unite these nations as was never before thought possible. The United Nations—what a grand name, and what a grand foundation! The first time we heard it was from the lips of President Roosevelt, in his broadcast following the Atlantic Conference, and it brought a new surge of warmth and faith into our beings.

That faith now permeates every move in our great joint endeavor. We now see the greatest example of international trust that has ever come to the world. A faith and trust that has overcome even the strained relations between Russia and the Western democracies. Without belittling in the least the mighty achievements of Russia and China in this war, and we owe them both so much, I am satisfied that the hope of the world lies in the friendship and closest co-operation of the English-speaking nations. The spectacle we have beheld here tonight, of these two flags marching shoulder to shoulder, borne by brethren in our respective fighting forces, is symbolic of the course our nations must follow to win this war. Then the unity must be preserved if we are to win and maintain the peace. **To Win and Maintain the Peace.** There, my brethren, is the great and lasting opportunity of Freemasonry.

When the fighting is over, and every soldier and civilian alike is desperately anxious to get back to his peace-time job, anyone not head-over-heels in that scramble will be looked at askance. Men who talk of maintaining international unity of thought and action will be scoffed at, accused of wanting to surrender national sovereignty, and what not? Let us not forget what happened after 1918. We maintained what some were pleased to call national sovereignty, threw away our guns and proceeded to make economic war upon each other, laying the foundations for this, the most ghastly war of all time. This time that MUST NOT HAPPEN. Our every act must be predicated upon what will be its effect upon international co-operation. We are still citizens of our own countries, but to be loyal citizens we must consider the welfare of our neighbors. Modern science has so shrunk the size of the world that oceans are mere ponds. The inhabitants of China, Australia, Africa or South America are as much our neighbors as the man who lives across the street from us.

Keen and level thinking will be essential, and with it the determination and power to convert those thoughts into action. We'll need eyes that can pierce the smoke and mist and locate the rocks that lie beyond. Freemasons of all nations can meet on common ground. The Order is noted for its universality. Its votaries are steeped in the virtues that make for the living together of peoples in peace and harmony; they speak every language of civilization. They may take inspiration from their Lodges, but must act individually. Therein lies their strength. For each Freemason may be the leaven in his own community. Ours is a great responsibility and a mighty opportunity, and quite within our power. You have been learning how to discharge them ever since you took your first step in the Craft. My brethren, live your Freemasonry and miracles will happen, as they did in the days of our ancient brethren. Take heed to the words of our Royal Brother, His Majesty the King:—"And I said to the man at the gate of the year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown,' and he said, 'Go out into the dark and put your hand into the hand of God; that will be unto you better than a light and safer than the known way.' "

Fraternally submitted,

STANLEY H. FAHRNI,
Grand Master.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Canon G. R. Calvert (1), seconded by R.W. Bro. Ben C. Parker (4), that the address be referred to the Committee on Grand Master's Address. Carried.

LODGE VISITATIONS OF THE M.W. GRAND MASTER WITHIN THIS JURISDICTION

Temple Lodge No. 49, MacGregor	July 21st, 1942
Mound Lodge No. 118, Pilot Mound	July 23rd, 1942
Treherne Lodge No. 51, Treherne	July 24th, 1942
Rivers Lodge No. 115, Rivers	July 27th, 1942
Gothic Lodge No. 75, Austin	August, 14th, 1942 May 12th, 1943
Sixth Masonic District, Minto	August 14th, 1942
Seventh Masonic District, Griswold	September 3rd, 1942
Third Masonic District Wawanesa	September 4th, 1942
Ninth Masonic District, Gilbert Plains	September 8th, 1942
The Pas Lodge No. 124, The Pas	September 9th, 1942
Flin Flon Lodge No. 153, Flin Flon	September 10th, 1942
Eighth Masonic District, Miami	September 23rd, 1942
Fifth Masonic District, Rapid City	September 24th, 1942
Fourth Masonic District, Cartwright	September 29th, 1942
Second Masonic District, Wellwood	October 2nd, 1942
"The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114, Winnipeg	October 6th, 1942
Tenth Masonic District, East Kildonan	October 23rd, 1942
First Masonic District, Winnipeg	November 7th, 1942
Neepawa Lodge No. 24, Neepawa	December 8th, 1942
McCreary Lodge No. 133, McCreary	December 10th, 1942
Assiniboine Lodge No. 7, Portage la Prairie	December 29th, 1942
Twelfth Masonic District, Winnipeg	February 27th, 1943
Capitol Lodge No. 136, Winnipeg	March 5th, 1943
St. John's Lodge No. 4, Winnipeg	April 7th, 1943
St. Andrew's Lodge No. 116, Wellwood	April 26th. 1943
Carberry Lodge No. 29, Carberry	May 4th, 1943
Union Lodge No. 108, Brookdale	May 6th, 1943

Total distance travelled covering the above Communications and other Masonic Functions was approximately 10,500 miles.

The singing was conducted by the Grand Organist, V.W. Bro. J. J. Lyon.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment by Most Worshipful Bro. Stanley H. Fahrni, Grand Master, at 10.10 P.M., until 10.30 A.M. tomorrow morning, Thursday, June 3rd, 1943.

GREETINGS FROM THE GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Winnipeg, Manitoba,
June 1st, 1943.

Mr. J. H. G. Russell,
Grand Secretary,
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly convey to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., cordial greetings from the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, Order of the Eastern Star, on the occasion of the 68th Communication of the Grand Lodge.

We extend best wishes for a very successful session, with special thought for those of your membership serving in the Defence of our Country. May their efforts hasten the day of Victory and the return of "Peace on earth, good-will toward men."

Yours sincerely,

JANE HODGE,
Grand Secretary.

Winnipeg, Manitoba,
June 3rd, 1943.

Mrs. Jane Hodge,
Grand Secretary,
Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dear Mrs. Hodge:

Your kind letter bearing the cordial greetings of your Grand Chapter to our M.W. Grand Master and the Members of our Grand Lodge was presented to our membership yesterday.

Our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Stanley H. Fahrni, asked me to convey to your Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Hilda L. Soloman, and the Members of your Grand Chapter, his thanks and appreciation, and also of our membership, for your kind greetings, and we wish for you all a very happy, prosperous and successful Communication.

Very sincerely yours,

J. H. G. RUSSELL,
Grand Secretary.

Second Day

Thursday, June 3rd, 1943

Morning Session

LABOR RESUMED

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to labor, by Most Worshipful Brother Stanley H. Fahrni, Grand Master, at 10.40 a.m., with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF FREEMASONRY

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through its Committee an the Condition of Freemasonry, begs to submit the following report:

For one accustomed to statistical tables, and able to read the story they tell intelligently, the Grand Secretary's report sets forth, concisely and effectively, the state of our Masonic fraternity in this Grand Jurisdiction.

But how many are interested in statistics? And if we are, do we take time to study them? This committee would direct the attention of the members of this Grand Lodge to the interesting facts you will discover in the Grand Secretary's statement. For instance, the slip in our membership, which began in 1931, is apparently about ended. The net loss this year is 12, the smallest since 1932, and next year's report should find our membership on the increase again. The loss to our membership through suspensions is the smallest since 1921. Is it of any interest to you to know that 1,028 regular meetings were held by the various lodges in the jurisdiction in 1942, and in addition there were 231 emergent meetings—a total of 1,259 meetings, in which the warming fires of fraternal goodwill were kindled on our sacred altars. Lodges might have some interesting programmes based on material available to them in the annual proceedings.

The work of your committee has been delayed unnecessarily by laxity on the part of secretaries of lodges and of District Deputy Grand Masters in forwarding their reports. The delight with which the late reports, and the early ones too, were received, was quickly dissipated by inaccuracies in the reports. No less than 34 of 90 of the reports on Form 20 were not correct. At the time of the writing of this report some reports are not yet to hand. We have not yet discovered any valid reason why this state of affairs should be. Why should these reports not be forwarded promptly? Why should these statements be inaccurate? Statistics are useless if not accurate and reliable. The remedy of this serious condition rests entirely on the conscience of those responsible for these reports. Lodge secretaries and District Deputy Grand Masters should appreciate the annoyance and delay caused by non-co-operative and dilatory habits. It is not the mark of a good Mason to be slovenly in his work, negligent of his duties, or blind to his responsibilities.

District meetings were held in all the districts during the year. From various sources the Committee has learned that the attendance was satisfactory. The difficulties of travel in these days of war will suggest a ready alibi for non-attendance at the district meeting, but your committee would urge more intensive and careful preparatory work in connection with the district meetings. It is our conviction that the attendance might be greatly increased. District secretaries were asked this year to make some observations regarding their respective meeting, setting forth: (1) Was your district meeting a success? (2) What was the benefit to your district and to Masonry? (3) What did the district officers plan to accomplish, and did you reach that goal? (4) Have you any criticisms of the meeting to offer? (5) What suggestions would you offer for the improvement of the district meeting?

Replies were received from all the district secretaries, but, on the whole, were disappointing. In only a few instances did the secretary seem to grasp the significance of the request. About half of these reports consisted solely of the minutes of the meeting. There seems to be a general desire to have as many Grand Lodge Officers as possible present, to provide inspiration and education. Criticisms were freely offered, in some instances, for non-attendance of the Grand Lodge Officers. There is also expressed a desire for more instruction at the district meeting, and with this the committee agrees. We are also convinced that the district meeting is an important institution, that it can be greatly improved from the point of view of the attendance and the programme, and made much more worth while.

To this end, there seems to be urgent need to properly define the place and purpose of the district meeting. Let us not forget that it is a meeting of the district and for the district—not only for district officers, past masters, masters and wardens—but members of the craft in the district. The District Deputy Grand Master presides and directs the proceedings. With the assistance of his district officers he organizes the meeting and carries out the programme. The visit of the Grand Master is more or less incidental. Of course he brings his message to the district, but the main purpose of his presence is to see the district at work, that he may thereby form a proper estimate of the state of the craft in that particular district. The growing tendency to rely on the Grand Master and Grand Lodge officers to provide most of the programme, if persisted in, will ultimately rob the district meeting of its usefulness and significance. Immediately following this Grand Communication, the newly elected and installed District Deputy Grand Masters will meet for instruction in the many and important duties of their office. One of the subjects that will demand careful consideration is the programme of the district meeting.

Within the body of Freemasonry, there has been much talk about the ancient landmarks, and Masons have been enjoined to keep these landmarks with care and respect. But we do not obey these precepts nor do we keep to the landmarks. An all-too-common infringement of the ancient landmarks has given and is giving this committee, as well as many others in the craft, grave concern.

One of the undoubted landmarks is "the equality of Masons." "This equality, of course, has no reference to any subversion of those gradations of rank which have been instituted by the usages of society. But the doctrine of Masonic equality does imply that, as children of one Great Father, we meet in the lodge on the level: that on that level we are all travelling to one predestined goal: that in the lodges genuine merit shall receive more respect than boundless wealth, and that virtue and knowledge alone should be the basis of all Masonic honors, and be rewarded by preferment."

Despite that landmark, and despite the efforts of Grand Lodge, many of our Masonic districts have, for years, followed a so-called "gentleman's agreement", that the office of District Deputy Grand Master, shall be passed around the lodges of the district in turn. The result of such a policy is, that whether a lodge has "the man" or not, when its turn comes it takes the office, regardless of outstanding ability that may be available in the other lodges of the district. This inefficient and improper practice has worked untold mischief to the craft, and grave injustice to men who were entitled to preferment. Good men have been thus set aside by an iniquitous practice at the psychological time, and it is a matter of experience that their leadership has been lost for all time. Further, the practice has brought Masonic preferment to men who neither earned nor deserved the honor, but who received it for the sole reason that it was the turn of his lodge. We seem to be in reverse gear in such a proceeding. A Mason should bring honor to his lodge and his district should see to it, that a man of virtue and of knowledge, of capabilities of leadership, of skill and of good sense, should be given the opportunity he deserves. After all, it is a doubtful honor to any man to be placed in an office, the duties of which he is incapable of discharging. Honor comes, rather, as a by-product from the facing of duties, meeting responsibilities, and rendering efficient service in the office conferred.

In a matter of such grave concern to the whole fraternity, we must move slowly and with wisdom, and only after the most careful consideration. In some Grand Jurisdictions the Grand Master appoints his deputies for the several districts, after consultation with leaders of the district. Of course, it is true that in our jurisdiction, the Grand Master has the duty of confirming, or otherwise dealing with the election by the district. In other jurisdictions it is the practice, when a capable man is found, to continue him in the office of D.D.G.M., over a period of years, and at the pleasure of the Grand Master. In order that future incumbents of this office might have opportunity for observation and instruction, there seems to be some merit in having an understudy to the District Deputy Grand Master. He might be designated as "D.D.G.M.-Elect," and if, during his year of probation, he reveals qualities that give promise for the efficient leadership in the district, he is installed as D.D.G.M. and another is selected as "D,D.G.M.-Elect".

The Committee on "The Condition of Freemasonry" recognizes this as one of our most vexing problems. The office is of such outstanding importance, because so much of success or failure in the district is centered in the personality of the one who holds the office. Under the present system of organization, the committee can see no means to strengthen our Masonic districts, save through more capable leadership on the part of the D.D.G.M. We can afford to give this matter our most earnest consideration.

Some improvement is indicated this year in the amount of arreages of lodge dues. With two districts still to hear from, we find that 51 lodges show a reduction in arrears and 32 show an increase as compared with 1941. One lodge reports no change in the amount of arrears. Three lodges are to be congratulated in having no arrears in dues. The total arrears of dues in 9 of the 11 districts amount to $18,431.10. This amount is too large. In some lodges it is the practice to carry members year after year. It is a fine gesture but a poor policy. Regulations anent arrears in dues are clearly set out in sections 227-231 of the Constitution, wherein it is provided that any member, who on December 31st, in any year has not paid the current year's dues, and has not paid the previous year's dues, by such failure has suspended himself. To allow arrearages to accumulate beyond the two years, is a violation of the Constitution. Arrearages in dues thus accumulated are a doubtful asset to the lodge, as well as being unfair to the member who is in arrears. Of course the lodge may remit dues of the delinquent member, in which case the member would be saved from automatic suspension. But it would be infinitely fairer and more helpful to all concerned to adhere strictly to the Constitution in this matter. Thus it will make the restoration of the suspended member easier, and more likely to take place.

To this committee has been referred the request of Sprague Lodge No. 132, to be included in the Eighth Masonic District. This request is supported by a resolution of Emerson Lodge No. 6, and is recommended to the sympathetic consideration of this committee by the Board of General Purposes.

The Committee adheres to the principle, that wherever possible every constituent lodge in this jurisdiction should be included in one or other of the Masonic districts. Reasons for this seem to be obvious. Having respect for the request of Sprague Lodge, the resolution of Emerson Lodge, in the confidence that the lodges of the Eighth district will be glad to welcome to their fellowship Sprague Lodge No. 132, and being convinced that this move is in the best interests of the lodge, we heartily recommend that Sprague Lodge No. 132 be placed in the Eighth Masonic District. At the proper time in the proceedings of this Grand Communication, we trust that the committee on Masonic Districts will submit a proper resolution to this Grand Lodge giving effect to this recommendation.

The Committee heartily approves of the amendment to Section 4 of the Constitution which will be submitted to this Communication of Grand Lodge. The amendment proposes an addition to the section by which the Grand Master, after consultation with the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Senior and Junior Wardens, may confer honorary rank on members of those lodges under his special supervision, in recognition of long, faithful and meritorious service to the craft. We hope the brethren will find merit in the amendment and support it.

The Committee records its deep appreciation of the good work done by District Deputy Grand Masters during the past year. For all the co-operation with the committee, and readiness to be of service to the craft we are grateful. We have pleasure in recommending that the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master be conferred on each of the following:

R.W. Bro. Kenneth R. Kennedy	First Masonic District
R.W. Bro. E. A. Strain	Second Masonic District
R.W. Bro. J. D. Harrower	Third Masonic District
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All of which is fraternally submitted, on behalf of the Committee.

PETER T. PILKEY,
Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey (25), seconded by M.W. Bro. George Hunter (10), the report of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry was received and adopted.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

At this Sixty-eighth Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge we meet to renew the ties of former years, to measure the spread and effectiveness of Masonic thought and practice in our jurisdiction during the year, and to relate our Brotherhood as helpfully as possible to a needy world still subject to the strain of global war.

We should be lacking as Masons as well as citizens if we did not express our gratitude and pride that, under God, the initiative in the struggle against the evil and enslaving powers has passed to the United Nations. The forces which sought to suppress freedom by terror and to extinguish the light of Freemasonry are on the defensive. The end of the road to victory is no longer out of sight.

None of us will minimize the tragic realties on which that victory is based. For those who take part, we know it means a fearful and unforgetable ordeal—a nightmare of fatigue, hunger, thirst, fear (however nobly overcome), and the perpetual presence of wounds, mutilations and death. Unceasing effort is needed on the part of all, and perhaps vast sacrifice must be endured. But the defeat and downfall of the regime of blackmail and perjury, aggression and persecution, already determined in the balances of the Supreme Governor of the universe, cannot be longer delayed.

In looking forward with hope and confidence to victory, our thoughts and prayers surround our brethren from our Lodges and the sons and daughters of the members of our Craft, whose valiant part in this ordeal and triumph will ever be a glorious chapter in the annals of Freemasonry.

The loss of handsome life is tragic, but it is not waste —far from it. Those fine lads who flew their bombers to the destruction of the Mohne and Eder dams, and perished in that effective blow to evil powers, went with a smile, for they knew their sacrifice was a bigger achievement than many a long life.

Ben Jonson was right:

> "It is not growing like a tree
> In bulk, doth make men better be
> Or standing long an oak, three hundred year,

A lily of a day is fairer far in May.
Although it fall and die that night,
It was the plant and flower of light.
In small proportions we just beauties see
And in short measures life may perfect be."

As Masons we are concerned not only with the prosecution of the war as a valid national enterprise. This great Brotherhood, founded upon "belief in the Supreme Being," teaching and supporting "the worship of God, truth and justice, fraternity and philanthropy, enlightenment and orderly liberty," is by its faith and principles involved in "the war behind the war." What reserves, then, can we throw into the spiritual battle, that the peace and freedom won at such a cost that I have indicated may be used for the building up of a noble, sane and co-operative world society?

First of all, we can't remember the origins of the war in un-Masonic thought and action. The 19th century and opening decades of the 20th saw man losing the sacred in the secular, attempting to make himself the architect of his fate and the lord of the world.

More and more as he mastered the forces of nature he asserted his independence of the Great Architect and defied His purposes. Directly or indirectly, he taught his sons to "pass the Lord and praise the ammunition." The place of the Most High he filled with ersatz deities, gold, sport, sex, films. His social framework, in spite of some noble motives and genuine good-will, was directed first to the wrong things, such as power for its own sake, mere accumulation at all costs. Instead of using the resources of the earth as the Creator's gifts to the whole race, he lived more and more by robbing and squandering the wealth and fertility of the planet. Nothing was more inevitable than that this greed and egoism, frustrated in Germany and Japan, and turned collective on a vast scale by cunning dictators, should aim at world dominion, and bring death and ruin upon humanity.

Perhaps you may have read that prose poem, "Joe Harris, 1913-1942" (Earle Birney in Saturday Night, May 22nd). As a chaplain I buried another "Joe Harris" on the slopes of Bourlon Wood in 1918. Then, as today, his spirit broke in upon the committal prayer. "Beseech rather, padre, that the world we have builded, and that has brought us to this, will perish with us. And if none build a better, come again to this hillside and speak words to call my blood back from earth and air, and re-knit my veins to receive it, that I may arise and fight again."

Is this world catastrophe to prove a watershed between two periods of history—the former centred in man, the latter finding its true centre? Have we learned the lesson of William Penn, "Mankind will ultimately be governed by either God or by tyrants"? Who better than the true and well-instructed Mason can help society, in the post-war period, to regain its health by centring its life in God! We might commend the first petition of the Lord's Prayer, slightly expanded:

> "In the return of mankind from the far country
> to its true home,
> In the restoring to men of their lost
> knowledge of Thyself,
> In a recovered experience of their
> dependence on Thee,
> In a new reverence for Nature
> as Thy creation,
> In a new understanding that as Thy children
> all men are brethren.
> Hallowed be Thy Name."

Now, in the second place, we recognize that "glory to the Most High" is inseparable from justice to men. As Masons we are assumed to be "enlightened as to those things which make for human welfare." Much depends for the peace and welfare of Canada and the United States in the post-war years upon the "four freedoms", and not least, "the freedom from want."

Who, I ask you, are to do the planning and to make the determined efforts which are necessary if our democracy is to free itself from the scandal of physical want?

Fortunately, much clear thinking has provided us with the Beveridge and the Marsh Reports on social insurance and security. The appeal of both is for a unified, coordinated plan, a first charge upon the resources of the nation, which will secure income for subsistence, freedom from elemental want for every citizen. Further provision is proposed for maintenance of the children of the large body of wage earners whose needs have not been covered by the wage standards of their parents.

The principle as laid down in these reports does not cut the sinews of initiative and personal responsibility, for conditions are attached of service and contribution. Plenty of room, we are assured, will remain for individuals to "win for themselves something above the national minimum, to satisfy and to produce the means of satisfying new and higher needs than bare physical requirements."

The Marsh Report would move further to ensure vocational opportunity—the opportunity not only to live by the community, but to live for the community. Every man needs the opportunity to do a worth-while job which carries with it the esteem of his fellows, and to do it without serious intervals of unemployment. He is unmanned and he is demoralized if this opportunity is denied him. We think in this connection of that Canadian airman who, when being honored recently by his fellow-townsmen for a brilliant war record, said feelingly: "The last time I came to ———— I had to drop from a freight car."

We suggest to you, brethren, that while it is not for Freemasons as a body to promote legislation based upon the Beveridge and Marsh proposals, there is a clear call for us as individuals to study and to advocate the main principles of these reports with energy and enthusiasm. Brotherly love and relief are fundamental here. In these questions the sincerity and the vigor of Masonic charity will be found to be at stake. We believe that the spirit of community in this great and wise and warm-hearted Brotherhood will be a mighty factor in overcoming the forces of self-interest and securing "freedom from want" so far as social security can give it, when peace has come.

And thirdly and finally, as Freemasons we can strengthen that fundamental institution so gravely menaced in our time, the family. In the days of "the depression" the question was raised, "Is the family disintegrating?" Among others, this reply was given: "It may not be disintegrating, but it is certainly grating badly in spots."

Unfortunately, it has now to be admitted that a low moral tone prevails; divorce has multiplied and vicious excess. Some look at the monstrously abnormal conditions of war and call it human pathology; others look at this laxity and call it moral evil. But by whatever name we call it, the results are disastrous.

A crusade has been instituted which aims to purge the nation of vice, and a beginning has been made to deal drastically with the problem of prostitution and venereal diseases. This campaign of publicity and competent medical practice ought to receive the endorsation of all members of this Craft, from which we expel the violator of domestic fidelity and happiness.

But no less important is the inculcation of true views of the family and higher standards of sex morality, in accordance with Masonic teaching and obligations. What a splendid appeal was made by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth in that broadcast speech which takes its place among the finest utterances of the war. Her reference was a moving one to the men overseas, thinking wistfully "some of the dear and familiar homes they left behind; others of the new homes they mean to make for the young wives of the future . . . counting on us at all times to be steadfast and faithful. . . . If our homes can be truly Christian, then the influence of that spirit will assuredly spread like leaven through all the aspects of our common life, industrial, social and political."

Some time ago a gentleman was being taken around a famous school by a somewhat inky little schoolboy, who said to him as they walked along: "We have got six scholarships this year." When the visitor naturally enquired if he had been successful himself, he replied somewhat scornfully that he wasn't the sort of boy who would ever get a scholarship anywhere. And then he added: "If you want to know what sort of a school this is, for goodness' sake don't look at me."

My Brethren, if men want to know what Masonry is, they will look at us. It will not be enough to have a few officers and leaders declaring such principles, holding before them these good purposes, waging this "war behind the war." If the new order is to be built, if our vital fellowship is to be strengthened, it will be because as individual Masons, mindful that "man goeth forth to his work and to his labor until the evening," each one of us declares:

Let me die working
Still tackling plans unfinished, tasks undone,
Clean to its end, swift may my race be run,
No lagging steps, no faltering, no shirking,
Let me die working.

Let me die thinking,
Let me fare forth still with an open mind,
Fresh secrets to unfold, new truths to find,
My soul undimmed, alert, no question blinking,
Let me die thinking.

Let me die giving
The substance of life for life's enriching,
Time, things and self to heaven converging,
No selfish thought, loving, redeeming, living,
Let me die giving.

Yes, "giving" as the young men and women whose "offer is being accepted"—to use the memorable words of our Grand Master—toiling and not seeking rest, fighting and not heeding wounds—that freedom and truth, love and reason might not perish from the earth. The supreme horror of history is not physical carnage; the supreme horror is surrender to corruption and cruelty. We talk about the sacredness of life. Life is sacred not merely as a biological fact, but as a moral possibility, an opportunity of knowing and serving the Most High, and developing the Divine image, the grace of spirit and dignity of conduct which alone lift man above the animal world.

Sir Edward Gray's lament lingers in the hearts of Masons with a special meaning, "The lights are going out all over Europe tonight. We shall hardly see them rekindled in our lifetime." The lights of Masonry seem to have suffered extinction in many parts of Europe and the Orient. "Blackouts" there are, not only of towns and cities, but also blackouts of education, of truth, of justice, of fellowship, and I say to you, of confidence. But behind the shutters lights are still burning, sometimes mere flickers, sometimes secretly and under threat, sometimes remarkably aglow. From these candles and lamps, scattered here and there across the face of this war-stricken and war-darkened world, shall come the flames which shall yet rekindle the lights of humanity—lights kept alight from Him who is the Light of the world.

Our task, with others, is to keep those lights burning.

JOHN L. McINNIS,
Grand Chaplain.

REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

One of the pleasures of life is to stand at some window of remembrance and look down upon the years with their recollections of Golden Yesterdays and intimate associations. If you find the right window and choose the proper time, then the prospect unfolding to your view becomes a vista of dreams.

Our own Province—Manitoba—is full of such windows, magic casements which open out upon memorable scenes, pictures of notable days, of romantic adventure, of silent secrets, of brave and gallant gentlemen.

Endlessly the panorama floats before us and each glance into the days of the long ago bring both joy and happiness. As we turn the pages of the years, we vision the trapper, the trader, the explorer, the adventurer, the settler, all breaking new trails across the domain of the Nomadic tribes who roamed and ruled a vast prairie country. These trail blazers of a civilization to follow left something for the generations who entered into the heritage of their pioneer efforts.

In the Golden Book of Manitoba, we find inscribed the imperishable names of Verendrye, Kelsey, MacKenzie, Henry—names that mark deeds and events that enthrall but there have been countless hundreds whose names belong to that regiment which Kipling classed as, "the legion that was never listed". These unknown heroes answered the insistent call of the wild; they too helped to conquer a wilderness, and by many a lonely river and on the sandy shores of unknown lakes their bones were left to bleach and no marker exists to tell their story or proclaim the work they did for their country.

One is tempted to expand a subject of this kind and tell the story of many of those forgotten national characters whose achievements mark the opening of this great land but time is a stern dictator and if I want to succeed in holding your interest, it is necessary that I consider one small portion of the wonderful tale.

In the early days of exploration, the French and later the English merchants of Montreal, entered the country now known as Manitoba and Western Canada by the water route across the Great Lakes thence by Rainy River, Lake of the Woods, Winnipeg River, Lake Winnipeg and Red River. This was the old traders route and the earliest record we have regarding these journeys is contained in a memorandum dated 12th November, 1716. This tells the story of the physical geography of the country between the head of the lakes until Lake of the Woods is reached.

But, long before this, efforts had been made to discover the fabled Western Sea which was thought to lead the enterprising explorer to the Orient. These attempts had been directed along another route, by Hudson Bay—and our thoughts this evening will centre upon that great sea and the story of a forgotten fortress, the ruins of which still stand at the mouth of the Churchill River.

When and by whom Hudson Bay was first made known to Europeans is not certainly known. (Viking Story). Some authorities ascribe the discovery to the Portugese in the 16th century. The earliest, clear and definite, is that of the voyage of Henry Hudson, who with his ship, "Discovery", sailed from the River Thames in search of a North-West route to Asia. He sailed into the waters of a great inland sea on 3rd August, 1610. His journey took him down the eastern coast where proceeding southward, he travelled until he found himself blocked at the bottom of James Bay.

1611—In July, King James I granted a charter to a new company—the Governor and Company of the merchants of London, discoverers of the North-West Passage. Nine months before the charter was granted, a new expedition started on its way under the command of Captain Thomas Button, servant of the Prince of Wales, "Supreme Protector of the said Discovery and Company." The expedition consisted of the ship "Resolution" under Captain Button, and Hudson's "Discovery", with Captain John Ingram as master. The instructions directed Button to proceed to the Western end of the Hudson Straits and then "remembering your end is West, we would have you stand over to the opposite maine, in the latitude of some 58 degrees, where, riding at some headland, observe well the flood; if it come in southwest, then maie be sure the passage is that waie; yf from the north or northwest, your course must by vpp into it."

The Button expedition sailed from Gravesend about 15th April, 1612, passed safely into and through Hudson Straits, and striking directly on a course southwest by west came up against the land at a point which they estimated as 60 degrees—41N—somewhat to the north of Churchill. Turning southward they reached the mouth of the Nelson River on 15th August, 1612—where on account of repairs, they were compelled to remain for the winter. While wintering at Nelson River many of the crews died, among them Francis Nelson, Button's sailing master, after whom the place was named.

Search for the western passage continued the following summer (1613) but without success.

In sailing down to Port Nelson and in returning Button must have passed by Churchill but it is quite probable it was not noticed, since the entrance is not conspicuous from the sea.

Reports following the Button expedition make reference to "a strong tyde running sometimes eastwarde, sometimes westwarde"—and this observation suggests the coastline in the Churchill area. Three more expeditions in search of a northwest passage were later sent out from the old land but none of these visited the western shores of Hudson Bay.

The next to do so, and the true discoverers of Churchill harbor, came from another nation. In 1619 King Christian IV of Denmark sent one of his ablest mariners, Jens Munck (or Munk), to seek the much mooted shorter route to the Orient. Munck had previously won fame in voyaging to the Arctic and his qualifications brought about his selection to command the expedition in search of the north-west passage. Two English pilots (William Gordon and John Watson) accompanied Munck. The naval force consisted of the small frigate "Unicorn" carrying 48 men and the sloop "Lamprey" with 16; about 65 in all.

The expedition left Copenhagen 9th May and Karmsund, Norway, 30th May, 1619, and reached the harbor of Churchill on 7th September—the discovery being quite accidental.

The weather was such that it was necessary to prepare winter quarters at once—these were located about 4½ miles from the entrance of the harbor. The winter was not unusually severe but the Danes were unprepared for the climate and their surgeons were incompetent to render medical assistance. After Christmas, scurvy attacked the entire personnel, and out of 65 men who sailed from Norway, only Munck and two sailors were alive when the ice broke up in the June following. The "Unicorn" was left where it lay in dock on the stony flats but the "Lamprey" was launched and in it Munck and his two companions sailed out of Churchill on 16th of July, 1620. They reached Norway on 21st September.

No further work of exploration visited the Western Shore of Hudson Bay until 1631, when Captain Luke Foxe and Captain Thomas James arrived upon the scene. Foxe returned the same year while James wintered at Charlton Island in James Bay and in August, 1632, passed Churchill, but apparently well off shore, as he made no record of observation.

There was a long lapse of public interest in Hudson Bay as a possible route to the East. When white man next came to the Bay it was to make that region the centre of another kind of commerce.

The year 1670 saw the incorporation of "The Governor and Company of Adventurers of England Trading into Hudson Bay" —the charter of the company confirming to them "the sole trade and commerce of all those seas"—together with all the lands, etc.

The company was organized under the patronage of Prince Rupert, cousin of the reigning king—the inspiration for the formation of the company came from two French fur-trading adventurers from Canada. Radisson and his brother-in-law, Groseillers, who, disgusted at the impediments imposed upon their trading with the Indians, had turned to the English for support.

The first expedition was sent out in 1668 and consisted of two vessels but only one, commanded by Captain Zachariah Gillam, penetrated into Hudson Bay. They sailed to what was known as "The Bottom of the Bay". (The southern part of James Bay). And spent the winter there. Returning to England with a great cargo of furs in 1669, the organization of the Company of Adventurers immediately followed.

My purpose is to tell something of Churchill and the old forgotten fortress (Fort Prince of Wales) the ruins of which still stand facing the elements at the mouth of the Churchill River. For the time being, therefore, let me pass over the activities of the old Company very rapidly and merely add that their early posts were located in the vicinity of James Bay. It was not until 1680 that a vessel was sent to trade at the mouth of the Nelson River. Two years later (1682) it was decided to open a permanent establishment there, but this only lasted until the winter of that year when it was broken up by Radisson who had returned to the French service. In 1686, Captain Abraham, Governor at Nelson, made a voyage of exploration northwards from Fort Nelson during which he entered and examined the mouth of the Churchill River. He is supposed to be the first European to do so since Munck reached the river nearly 70 years before. The place from that time on has been known as "Churchill" in honor of Lord John Churchill, afterwards famous in history as the first Duke of Marlborough and who at that time was Governor of the Hudson's Bay Co.

The first record we find of making Churchill a trading post is dated February, 1688, when the Committee among other provisions, adopted one reading, "That Churchill River Bee settled this yeare with a good shipp and a competent cargo for trade and materialls for white whale fishings."

Two ships were sent to Port Nelson this year, "one to bring home the cargo, the other to proceed to Churchill River and establish the post". It was not until the summer of 1689, that the officers of the Company proceeded to Churchill. Included in the small party was Henry Kelsey, then but a lad, but having four years experience in the country. The site chosen was farther up the harbor than that where Jens Munck had wintered. However when considerable progress had been made with the buildings and with considerable stores on hand the whole establishment was burnt to the ground in the first week of August—such salvage as could be obtained was put on the ship and the party returned to Nelson.

From this time until 1713—When the Treaty of Utrecht was signed—the various Hudson's Bay Company Forts in Hudson Bay alternated between the French and the English. Constant warfare prevailed, posts were pillaged, buildings destroyed by fire—

it was the scene of unabated strife. By the tenth article of the Treaty, it was provided that the King of France should restore to Great Britain all the territories of Hudson Bay and Straits and by the eleventh, that he should give satisfaction to the Hudson's Bay Company for all damages incurred through the depredations of the French in time of peace. Captain James Knight and Henry Kelsey duly arrived at York Factory on 11th September, 1714, received the formal surrender of that Fort, thus once more the Gentlemen Adventurers of England reigned supreme over the lands and waters of the great Northern Sea.

Churchill River had not been entirely forgotten despite failure of 1689.

One might properly ask, for what purpose would any company desire to establish a post at such a place as Churchill? Briefly, to attract the trade of the Indians north and northwest, also, that of the Eskimos who lived along the coast to the north and who regularly came south as far as Churchill. Among these different natives constant warfare raged and one of the problems of trading was to first establish peace. We might spend a considerable time in telling of the efforts made to win the confidence of the natives and incidentally to spy out the land. It is of no little interest in this day when Manitoba is mineral minded to read in Knight's record that the Indians told him of "a very great river that comes out of the West Sea and is in the bottom of a very great Bay where there lies three islands almost out of sight of land where the Indians inhabit there brings a yellow metal from thence and wear it as they and the Copper Indians do copper." Despite every effort to obtain samples of the yellow metal that never came he did obtain and send home to London samples of fine copper.

It would appear that time did not carry the same economic value with the traders of old as it does with the present generation as the active work of establishing Churchill did not really begin until the Fall of 1717. Knight was now a man over sixty years of age and the extraordinary exertions as well as hardships and the worries he had undergone, had undermined his health. He therefore sent a request home to be recalled.

The principal work on the fort at Churchill had been completed amid difficulties, some of which I will refer to later. He planned to visit York Fort before sailing for England but was unable to carry out his intention. On 21st August, the "Albany" frigate, Captain Berley, Barley or Barlow, entered Churchill harbor. By this ship he received the Company's authorization to return to England and a gift of 8 dozen bottles of wine for his use on the homeward voyage. He said farewell to Churchill on 7th or 8th September, on the 12th they entered Fort Nelson from which post he departed about 20th September. He spent the winter 1718-1719, pressing certain proposals on the Hudson's Bay Company and finally received instructions to proceed on an exploration "to discover gold and other valuable commodities to the northward."

After their departure from British waters, Knight and the crews of his two vessels were never seen again by the eyes of white men and it was not till half a century later that anything was learned about their fate. In the summer of 1767, positive proofs were discovered in Hudson Bay that the exploring party had been lost on the inhospitable island called Marble Island. I cannot begin to relate in detail, the account gleaned from the Esquimaux at that place.

Let me recite a few experiences of Knight at the time of his residence at Churchill in 1717. He arrived off the mouth of the river about 2 o'clock but could not get in until 5 o'clock on account of ebb tide. When they finally sailed up the river they went two miles where his advance guard came aboard. When asked if he had found a convenient place for building he replied, that the only suitable site was "the place where the Danes had wintered a hundred years since, which was the only and best place to be found;————It is upon a point under the cliffs of the rocks and no fresh water nearer than a quarter of a mile nor no timber to be got to build with but what must backt (carried on men's backs) at least ¾ of a mile and that but very sorry and indifferent stuff; and where it is brought out the men must go half way of their legs to fetch it out. The tide ebbs a mile and half from shore and there is no coming near the shore anywhere with a boat till past half flood nor going off again with a boat if we stay till ½ ebb."

I make this quotation from Knight's diary because we found the same stoney flats and muddy shores on our visit a few years ago.

Another entry in the diary is of interest—"Wee weighd & went abt 5 mile up the river from the place where wee first came too and are up opposite to where Danes wintred, but did not go a shoar. The flatts lye so farr & the rocks as wee could not gett in————I sent the boat to beacon out the shoar between the rocks that wee might get in the next high water; but the musketos was so thich when our people was ashore cutting of tent poles & poles for the beacons they was forc'd to make a great smoke as they could hardly fetch there breaths, yet for all yt was stung severely; & they swarm aboard as wee have been in missery all the time wee have been here."

The following day a landing was made. "I never see such a miserable place in all my life & there was but one little place where the Danes had wintred, wch is upon a point as hardly contains so much ground as the Royall Exchange stands upon."

He goes on to say there was no other place to build at Churchill River "but the outer point where the Iskemays tents is, wch is impossible for any European to live at."

The party seem to have been plagued to distraction first with mosquitoes and later with horse flies and small sand flies. "Such swarms of a small sand flyes that wee can hardly see the sun through them and where they light is just as if a spark of fire fell & raises little lump wch smarts and burns so that wee cannot forbear rubbing of them as (cases)causes such scabbs that our hands & faces is nothing but scabbs. They flye into our ears, nose, eyes, mouth & down our throats as we be most sorely plagued with them. And I never see any where in ye country the Tenn Thousandth part of them as I do here. Certainly these be ye flyes that was sent as plagues to ye Egyptians as caused a darkness over the land & brought such blotches & boiles as broke out all over them into sores. These flyes comes out of the sand & moss that groweth upon the rocks."

One could enlarge the story of Knight's establishment erected same 5 or 6 miles up the Churchill River in 1717 by telling of the unspeakable hardships I have mentioned. Yes, and his incidental discovery of mute evidences of Munck and his Danish party in the shape of brass guns, iron bars and other material.

Let me now take you to the mouth of the river at which point he had written "it was impossible for any European to live"— and shown on the map as "Esquimeaux Point". Here stands the ruins of the forgotten fortress "Fort Prince of Wales".

When we go to Churchill today there is no necessity of making a good story—the story is already made. You are not there very long before you think yourself into the setting of the picture, yes, even to the mosquitoes, the sandflies, the high tides, and the mud flats which confronted the pioneers over two centures ago.

Our party was obliged to be ready and at the dock by nine o'clock in the morning as must cross the river when the tide was in. Embarking on board the motor boat was a simple matter as the level of the water brought the boat level with the dock. Our first call was at Sloop Cove, the sheltered bay on the north side of the river where, in the early days, the boats of the company wintered. Here you find innumerable names chiselled on the rocks, many having the year alongside or below the carved name.

The tide waits for no man, consequently our visit to this point was of very short duration. Coasting along the bank of the river toward the bay we reached the landing place which leads to Fort Prince of Wales. This mass of masonry proclaims the patience and perseverance of the workmen of long ago and the spirit of Joseph Robson seems to hover around. Across the years we seem to gaze upon Robson and his Scots stonemasons erecting the imposing walls and we see the rampart rising stone upon stone. If one can read the story proclaimed by walls, one 42 feet thick—the others 25 feet, we realize the onslaught of the foe was anticipated before the Fort was actually built.

Let me portray some of the features of this interesting old ruin. Fort Prince of Wales was a square fort with four bastions. Robson in his own record tells us. "the original plans rampart was 42 feet thick but the Governor was sure that 25 feet would do very well. I was ordered therefore to lay the foundation 25 feet thick as H.I.K. (on his plan) when the cannon was try'd they ran off the wall so I was pulled down and built up according to the first plan. H.I.K. not done yet."

During the years (1733, 1734, 1735, 1736) the fort was under construction the relationship betwtween Robson and the Governor was not as friendly as it might have been. The practical workman being constantly incensed at the instructions he was obliged to follow from his impractical superior officer.

Robson estimated that he required 4 masons, 11 laborers and 4 horses for the building of the structure. He makes this comment. "In the year 1746, I assisted in building the stone parapet, and though I had only two masons with me and much of my own time was taken up in selecting proper stones and surveying, yet the parapet was carried along the flank of a bastion and curtain in one summer.
————the two masons could not do much to the parapet after I came away, as they were employed in erecting a battery at Cape Merry on the other side of the harbor at the time————
————if a flank and curtain were made by three masons in one summer and autumn, surely four masons and eleven laborers might do as much in one year."

The ruins of the battery on Cape Merry which he refers to stands a lonely sentinel where it was first built two hundred years ago—upon the rocky point adjoining the modern harbor of our northern seaport on the southern shore of the river.

Returning to Fort Prince of Wales we see the walls of the residence within the Fort. Originally the length of the house from out to out was 101 feet 6 inches; the breadth 33 feet and the height of the wall 17 feet; making two stores with a flat roof covered with lead; but all the materials except, iron, lead, glass, and some large beams were procured upon the spot. From the interior of the courtyard within the Fort we see three of the bastions whose arches served as storehouses (40 feet 3 inches by 10 feet) and in the fourth bastion was built a stone magazine 24 feet long, and 10 feet wide in the clear, with a passage through the gorge of the bastion 24 feet long and 4 feet wide.

Robson, as I have already remarked, was engaged on the project during the years 1733 to 1736, returning to England in the latter year. He returned again to the Bay in 1744. When the Fort was completed it was equipped with 42 guns of the then heaviest calibre.

Before concluding this rambling story of Hudson Bay and Fort Prince of Wales it might be of interest to remark that for a hundred years after receiving their charter the Gentlemen Adventurers of England (or H.B. Co.) slumbered on the shores of the frozen sea in the north. They were suddenly brought to life by the prod of the French trader about the time of La Verendrye who entered the country from another direction, and the subsequent invasion of free lances, couriers and voyageurs, who spread across the wilderness, thus intercepting the annual excursions of the Nomadic tribes to their usual rendevous at the Bay.

Seeking a reason for building so strong a fortress in such an outlandish spot we learn from history that when the French buccaneers destroyed the establishments of the Hudson's Bay Company on the Bay, the English Ambassador to France exacted such an enormous bill of damages that the proceeds were used by the Company to erect Fort Prince of Wales—a stronger fortress than the French themselves possessed at Quebec.

A brief paragraph dated 1769 tells us that Fort Prince of Wales lay on a spit of sand running out into the Bay at the mouth of the Churchill River. It was 300 yards long by 300 yards wide, with four bastions, in three of which were stores and wells of water. The fourth contained the powder magazine. The commodious stone house, furnished with all the luxuries of the chase, stood in the centre of the courtyard. This was the residence of the Governor; offices, warehouses, barracks and hunters lodges were banked around the inner walls of the Fort. The garrison consisted of 39 common soldiers and a few officers.

This is the picture of the place in the year 1769. Today it is a lonely ruin. What is the explanation? We come to the year

1782. On the 8th of August, the sleepy calm of the Fort was upset by the sentry dashing in breathlessly with news that three great vessels of war with full-blown sails and carrying many guns were ploughing straight for Prince of Wales at sundown with the French Ensign fluttering at their masts. The "Sceptre" carrying 74 guns, the "Astarte" and the "Engageante" carrying each 36 guns, 4 field guns, 2 mortars, and 300 bombshells swung at anchor about 6 miles from the Fort. Gig boats and pinnance reconnoitred the approaches and found the vessels could be brought to bear on it at a very short distance.

In the morning 400 French troopers lined up on the banks of Churchill River—the Admiral, La Perouse, summoned the enemy with a demand of surrender. The Governor, Samuel Hearne, had less than 40 men to defend his fort and did not feel justified in exposing his men to an attack by such a formidable force, he therefore surrendered without a shot being fired by either side. La Perouse found himself in bloodless possession of a fortress which, properly garrisoned, might have defied all the ships of France that ever entered Hudson Bay.

The French Admiral quickly transported the rich bales of valuable furs to his ships, and replenished their depleted commissariat from the well-filled provision stores of the fort. Then came the license of the soldiery and the looting of the fort, to be followed by an attempt, which occupied two days, to utterly demolish it. Although French gunpowder was freely added to the vast English store, yet the walls of the fort, this well built mass of masonry, resisted the best efforts of the French artillerymen to do more than displace the upper rows of the massive granite stones of which it was built, dismount its guns and blow up the gateway and the stone outwork which protected it.

The capture was cheaply and easily performed and Hearne was taken a prisoner of war to France. After a time the fortunes of war turned again and the H.B. Co. who, at their own expense, had built the fort, sent in a bill for many thousand pounds sterling which France later agreed to settle.

A sad incident resulting from the capture of Prince of Wales surrounds an old Indian guide, long connected with the Company, named Matonabbee. He was absent at the time of the capture and upon his return some time later was astounded to find the place where he had spent much of his life, in ruins and abandoned. The English whom he had thought were invincible had been defeated—they had been taken prisoners—Hearne, whom the dauntless old chief had led and accompanied through untold perils in their journeys of exploration, was gone, a captive of the French. The proud spirit of the Indian was broken. His grief was greater than he could bear. All that living had stood for had been lost. What did the future hold for him? Drawing off from observation, he quickly drew his pistol and ended his agony by blowing out his brains.

The fort was never rebuilt. It is still well preserved and gives evidence of a massive fortification. It was the most northerly fortification in British America scarcely inferior, as such, to Louisburg or early Quebec.

To quote my opening remark, one of the pleasures of life is to stand at some window of remembrance and look down upon the years. I have tried to open a magic casement in this rapid excursion to Churchill, and I hope your patience has not been exhausted in gazing upon a few pictures out of the life of Yesterday in Manitoba.

WM. DOUGLAS,
Grand Historian.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through the Committee on Benevolence begs to submit its report for the year ending March 31st, 1943.

Meetings were held on August 11th, 1942, September 29th, 1942, February 23rd, 1943 and May 25th, 1943.

The disbursements for relief to beneficiaries amounted to $6,287.75 showing a monthly average of approximately $524.00.

At the commencement of the year there were 46 beneficiaries receiving assistance from the fund. During the year six (6) new cases were added and eleven (11) cases were closed owing to death and other causes. There are now 41 beneficiaries receiving assistance from the fund It is pleasing to report that in some instances the beneficiaries themselves requested that the assistance they were receiving be discontinued.

The case history of each beneficiary is regularly and sympathetically reviewed by your Committee. We again request

Masters and Secretaries of Lodges when making application for assistance from the Fund, to furnish the fullest possible information regarding the applicants; It is not generally understood that information on the following points is very necessary and which may have a direct bearing on the amount of the grants that may be made:

(a) If there are any children who can contribute to the support of the applicant.

(b) If the applicant is qualified to receive the Old Age Pension. If in receipt of same the amount should be shown, and if application has not been made, detailed reasons should be given.

(c) Full particulars as to property, if any, owned by applicant, and showing the net income received if the property is rented.

It is desirable to again draw the attention of the Masters and Secretaries of Lodges to the general regulations as set forth in the Constitution governing grants. These are contained in Section 11 (b), sub-sections 1, 2 and 3, and are strictly adhered to by your Committee.

We desire to point out that the Benevolent Fund grants are only supplementary to the benevolent activities of the Lodges making application for assistance, and your Committee commends the action of Lodges which took care of cases which would otherwise have had to be referred to your Committee for assistance.

The earnings of the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund were sufficient to meet the necessary grants and this Committee acknowledges donations made to the Benevolent Trust Fund from the following Lodges:

Vermillion Lodge No. 68	$110.00	
Brandon Lodge No. 19	58.50	
Beaver Lodge No. 139	50.00	
(in memory of W. Bro. R. C. Ham)		
Kilwinning Lodge No. 110	15.05	
Bro. E. O.Watty of Brandon Lodge No. 19	5.00	
	———	$238.55

We desire to point out that every application submitted received the sympathetic consideration of your Committee and was dealt with in accordance with the powers and limitations imposed upon us by the terms of the Constitution.

We are passing through abnormal times when the foundations of our civilization are shaken and in danger and where the landmarks of Centuries are being swept away, and yet in every epochal crisis in the world's history a Divine Providence seems to have provided a means for the exceptional manifestation of His Divine Care for humanity.

It is quite probable that after this conflict is ended and during the period of reconstruction, exceptional "calls" may be made upon our available funds. Let us be prepared for all emergencies and let us "share" with our less fortunate brethren the bounties we have received.

"The Holy Supper is served indeed,
In what so we 'share' another's need.
It is not what we give, but what we share,
For the gift without the giver is bare.
Who gives himself with his gifts feeds three
Himself, his hungry neighbor and Me."

Respectfully submitted,

G. HUNTER, P.G.M.
Chairman.

On motion of M.W. Bro. George Hunter (10), seconded by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4), the report of the Committee on Benevolence was received and adopted.

GREETINGS FROM DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

During the morning session, we had greetings from the following guests:

M.W. Bro. C. P. Seeley, I.P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

M.W. Bro. Louis H. Colson, G.M., Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith, G.M., Grand Lodge of Alberta.

M.W. Bro. Wm. Hall, G.M., Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

R.W. Bro. R. A. Tate, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Sasktachewan.

M.W. Bro. R. W. Stanford, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

These distinguished brethren all brought very appropriate messages and kindly greetings from their Grand Lodges. These were greatly appreciated by the brethren, and our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Stanley H. Fahrni, thanked our guests for their fine messages of kind fraternal greetings.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment at 12.20 noon by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Stanley H. Fahrni, to re-open at 2.30 P.M.

Second Day

Thursday, June 3rd, 1943

Afternoon Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor by the Most Worshipful Bro. Stanley H. Fahrni, Grand Master, at 2.30 P.M.

COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION, AND LIBRARY

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through its Committee on Masonic Research and Education, begs to report as follows:

Your Committee has given close attention to the problem of arousing, or in some cases increasing, interest in Masonic knowledge throughout the jurisdiction, and has studied various means of developing, among the constituent Lodges, a more realistic approach to this important subject. We are convinced that unless our membership as a whole is imbued with a desire to learn more about the history and philosophy of the Craft, and to disseminate that knowledge in ways that represent cultural advancement, the prospects for maintaining the institution on a solid foundation will be most discouraging. It may be admitted that study and research do not usually appeal to men who consider that their ordinary education is complete, but Masonic education should not be judged from that point of view. All of us enter the Craft with little or no idea of its principles, its teachings, or its mysteries, and we can well afford to devote time and energy to the important task of acquiring the information which is essential to an intelligent appreciation of our treasures. Your Committee is charged with the duty of co-operating with the Lodges in providing educational material for any members who may be interested in self-improvement, and of devising the best methods for making use of that material. It must be borne in mind, however, that the responsibility for stimulating interest in Masonic culture rests with the Lodges, and particularly with the Worshipful Masters. Unless they show a disposition to improve their knowledge of the Craft, and to carry on a more or less continuous campaign of education among the members, your Committee, or even the Grand Lodge itself, can hope to accomplish little.

It may be well to give here an example of the co-operation, or lack of it, displayed by the Lodges in the effort to create additional interest in Masonic knowledge. Your Chairman, acting under instructions from the Committee, sent a questionnaire to the W.M. of every Lodge in the jurisdiction. The questions were as follows:

(1) What features of your Lodge programmes tend towards monotony?

(2) What other causes interfere with your attendance?

(3) Can you advise this Committee of any plans you use to arouse enthusiasm?

(4) What form of material, to be provided by this Committee, could you use to the best advantage in arranging programmes for the discussion of Masonic subjects?

It will be noted that these questions present no special difficulties as far as answers are concerned. And yet only 17 out of 104 W.M.'s favored us with the courtesy of a reply. You may judge for yourselves what must be the attitude of the other 87. We wonder whether their indifference, to use a mild word, is characteristic of the Lodges over which they presided. (The questionnaire was sent out during the latter part of 1942.) If so, your Committee must register its deep concern over the situation, and must urge the Grand Lodge to apply the necessary remedies at an early date.

We had reason to be grateful for the suggestions sent in by the 17 W.M.'s who did reply. They covered a broad field, and included references to most of the difficulties with which Lodges, especially in some of the smaller communities, are faced. A summary of this information is embodied in the records of your Committee, and it is available at the Grand Lodge Library for examination by any brethren who are interested.

Another form of questionnaire was prepared for distribution to Lodges, the purpose being to obtain the reaction of individual members to some of the problems facing the Craft. This was in mimeograph form, and sufficient copies were supplied to make a thorough test of Masonic opinion. The Lodges were directed to arrange for a personal canvass to secure the information, but we understand that this practice was not followed generally. A vast amount of material was collected, however, and it was even more enlightening than were the reports of the 17 W.M.'s. A summary of these replies is also available at the Grand Lodge Library.

Both of the summaries to which reference has just been made were considered in detail at a conference of the Masters, I.P.M.'s Wardens, and Secretaries of Lodges in the First, Tenth and Twelfth Districts with members of your Committee. This meeting was held at Winnipeg on January 29 last, and it proved to be a source of encouragement and inspiration to all who attended. There was a general desire, if one may judge by the tone of the addresses, to grapple boldly with the problems of the Craft, especially in connection with its educational or instructional activities, and we regard this as a very favorable manifestation.

At the same conference there was a demonstration of the Declaration of Principles as adopted by the Grand Lodge in June, 1942. M.W. Bro. Douglas, who is a member of this Committee, had gone to the trouble of preparing a script by means of which the Declaration could be enunciated clearly and plainly, and he took charge of the presentation at the conference. Great interest was aroused, and a demand arose for copies of the script. As a result, your Committee, with the approval of the Board, secured 500 printed copies for distribution to Lodges, Study Groups and others who would care to make use of them. We have also arranged with the Past Masters' Association of Winnipeg to undertake the presentation of the script for the benefit of any Lodge or group of members that may desire to hear it. (We could think of no more attractive item of business at a District Meeting than is provided by the script of M.W. Bro. Douglas.) We firmly believe that this method of "education by doing" is most valuable in spreading Masonic knowledge.

The question of publishing a Masonic paper, under the auspices of the Grand Lodge, received careful consideration from your Committee. It came before us in the form of a letter from W. Bro. Frank Williams, W.M. of Fidelity Lodge, Winnipeg, addressed to yourself, M.W. Grand Master, and referred by you to this Committee for action. We made exhaustive inquiry into the possibilities offered by a publication of the kind suggested by W. Bro. Williams, and came to the conclusion that it would serve a very useful purpose. We decided to go ahead with the project, and our conclusion was approved by the Board. Serious obstacles arose, however, in connection with the arrangements for financing the scheme. The regulations of the War Time Prices and Trade Board made it impossible to start any new business venture on a profit basis during the war, and the only alternative was to ask the Grand Lodge to undertake the publication on a non-profit basis and supply the necessary funds. The state of the Grand Lodge finances rendered this part of the plan unworkable, and your Committee regretfully decided that nothing more could be done with the proposal at the present time. We reported to the Board accordingly, and our decision was confirmed. The scheme is therefore held in abeyance until such time as the Grand Lodge may find itself in a position to provide the necessary funds.

At the request of the Board your Committee examined a suggestion from R.W. Bro. Hugh Kerr, who supervises the reviews of the proceedings of other jurisdictions, that the publication of these reviews in our Annual Proceedings be discontinued for the duration of the war in order to save expense. We recommend that no change be made, and our decision was approved by the Board.

Your Committee records with deep regret the sense of loss it has sustained during the year through the absence from its meetings of R.W. Bro. Charles E. Somerset, our beloved Grand Librarian. Advancing age and increasing physical weakness have made it impossible for Bro. Somerset to continue his attendance, and to say that we have missed him is decidedly an understatement. We are glad to tell you that Bro. Somerset's zeal for the welfare of the Craft, and particularly for the work of this Committee, is unimpaired, and we are stimulated by his example of devoted service to continue our own efforts. We trust that Divine Providence still has many blessings in store for this grand old Freemason, whose whole life has been devoted to good deeds.

The status of Study Groups throughout the jurisdiction is a matter of deep concern to your Committee. We are aware that a few of these organizations are carrying on with a degree of diligence and enterprise that merits praise, but the movement as a whole is showing little activity. The reason seems to be that leaders of the right type are scarce, and the few enthusiasts who are trying to keep the flame alive are gradually becoming discouraged. There is a possibility that something might be accomplished through the reorganization of groups in selected centres, under the direction of this Committee, but it would be necessary first to undertake some sort of survey to determine whether the effort would be worth while. A definite recommendation from the Grand Lodge, indicating the course of action it would favor in the re-establishment of Study Groups, would be of great assistance to your Committee. We have reason to believe that many of our members are earnest in their search for Light, and anything we can do to assist them will help to make Freemasonry a greater power for good in the world.

It is gratifying to know that there is a satisfactory increase in the number of books distributed by the Librarian to various members throughout the jurisdiction. In this work he is receiving valuable assistance from Past Masters and others who appreciate the value of Masonic Literature. A copy of the Librarian's report is appended as a supplement to this review. We pay our tribute of appreciation of M.W. Bro. Harry Woods for his careful and efficient management of the Library.

Your Committee feels that it cannot conclude its summary of the year's work without making some reference to the subject of funds for the proper carrying-on of its activities. We would like to provide addresses by well-informed speakers on Masonic subjects for the benefit of Lodges who have asked for this sort of co-operation. We would be glad to prepare literature for the use of Lodges and Study Groups. We favor the publication of a Masonic paper under the control of the Grand Lodge. The Library needs to be in a position to subscribe for Masonic magazines and other publications that will increase our knowledge of the Craft. Other phases of the Committee's programme for the improvement of its work might be enumerated. But there is one obstacle to the development of these plans, and it is deadening in its effect. What is it? 'Tis the old, old cry of "No Funds." We are convinced that it is the duty of the Grand Lodge to decide whether this Committee shall be in a position to carry out the tasks for which it is organized. If the answer be in the affirmative, we respectfully suggest that the Grand Lodge provide the funds required, and that it do so without further delay.

Fraternally submitted,

S. BURLAND,
Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Sam Burland (12), seconded by W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114), the Report of the Committee on Masonic Research, Education and Library was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN

To R.W. Brother S. Burland; Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education, Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Dear Sir and R.W. Brother:

Herewith find report of the Grand Librarian for the year ended March 31st, 1943.

As will be noticed by the statistics enclosed herewith, the Library has had a busy year, and a desire to know more of the principles of the Masonic Order is seen by the use of the books found on the shelves.

We have to thank the friends who have presented so many books, treating with Masonic subjects. What we need in these days of darkness is more light, our Order is not known, and it can only be known by the lives of those who have seen the light.

A list of books donated will be found herewith.

M.W. Brother Harry Woods has been as active as ever, at all times on the look out to help.

Old age and my unfortunate break-down in health, has prevented me taking the active part I should otherwise have done.

Fraternally submitted,

(Sgd) C. E. SOMERSET,
Grand Librarian.

List showing books and other literature sent out from the Library, during the Masonic Year, 1942-43.

Encyclopaedias, etc.	18
Societies, Transactions	6
History and Philosophy	83
Symbolism	129
Masonry and Citizenship	2
Rites, Degrees, Manuals	57
Biography	2
History, Geographical Divisions	27
General Works	2
Ceremonies, etc.	7
Jewels, Medals, etc.	2
Jurisprudence, etc.	7
Constitutions, etc.	5

Short Talks and Essays	4	
Art and Architecture	15	
Addresses, Lectures	40	
Magazines, bound	1	
Poetry and Drama	6	
Novels and Tales	90	
Miscellaneous, Masonry	1	
Miscellaneous, non-Masonry	20	
Proceedings	12	
		536
Magazines	39	
Bulletins	17	
Clippings	12	
		68

List of books donated to the Library during the Masonic year, 1942-43:

The Lodge in Friendship Village	V.Wor. Brother W. P. White
History of Freemasonry, 6 Volumes	
History of Freemasonry, 7 Volumes	M.Wor. Brother W. J. Major
Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry	
Jewels of Masonic Oratory	
The Gospel of Freemasonry Volume 1	
Things a Freemason Should Know	
Freemasonry and Its Etiquette	
Symbols and Legends of Freemasonry	
The Great Teachings of Masonry	
Symbolic Masonry	
The Men's House	
Masonic Legends and Traditions	
The Meaning of Masonry	
Golden Remains, Early Masonic Writers	
History of Freemasonry 7 Volumes	Relatives of late Brother C. Taylor, Lisgar Lodge Number 2
Memoir of the Hon. Elizabeth Aldworth	R.W. Brother G. R. Mackay

REPORT RE AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

The President and Members of the Board of General Purposes,
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sirs and Brethren:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals has considered the annexed Notice of Motion submitted by Worshipful Master Andrew J. Muir of Northern Light Lodge, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., in respect to Section 27 and 28, and your Committee finds the same in order for submission to Grand Lodge.

Your Committee has considered the annexed Notice of Motion submitted by W. Bro. Arthur Dennis, Secretary of the Fifth Masonic District, on behalf of that District. As this proposed amendment is intended to be similar to the amendment proposed by W. Bro. Andrew J. Muir, except that the closing date for receiving of nominations for Grand Lodge Officers be the 20th of March, instead of the 15th of April, we suggest that this be presented to the next Grand Lodge as an amendment to the proposed amendment of W. Bro. Muir.

Your Committee has considered the Notice of Motion annexed presented by "The Assiniboine" Lodge proposing an amendment to Section 119 of the Constitution of Grand Lodge and finds the same in order for presentation to Grand Lodge.

Your Committee recommends that Section 54 of the Constitution of Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

"54. The Board of General Purposes shall consist of:

"The Grand Master, Past Masters, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Historian, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Librarian, the District Deputy Grand Masters, and sixteen to be elected from the members of Grand Lodge. The election of any member of the Board as a District Deputy Grand Master shall not affect his position as an elected member."

Respectfully submitted on behalf of your Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals,

S. HART GREEN.
Chairman.

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Section Four, be amended by the addition of the following paragraph:

> "Notwithstanding the provisions for the conferring of honorary rank in this Grand Lodge as herein set forth, it shall be the prerogative of the Grand Master, after consultation with the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior and Junior Wardens, to confer such honorary rank as may be deemed appropriate, on any member of a Lodge not included in any one of the Masonic Districts, who, over a period of years has rendered conspicuous leadership and eminent service to the Craft, and any rank so conferred shall not be superior to the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master."

On motion of R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey (25), seconded by R.W. Bro. Ben C. Parker (4), the Amendment was carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

That the last paragraph of Section 90 be amended as follows: "Delete the words 'not a life member', in the first line, change the word 'such' in the seventh line to the word 'every' and the word 'members' in the same line to read 'member.' "

this paragraph would then read as follows:

> "For every member, an annual fee of One Dollar, payable one half thereof on the first day of January, and one half on the first day of July in each year, such payments to be based on the Lodge membership as at the 31st day of December and the 30th day of June respectively immediately preceding such payments. Each Lodge shall pay the said Annual Dues for every member, before the expiration of three weeks from the dates first mentioned, in each year".

R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green (143) moved the following Amendment to the Notice of Motion amending Section 90 of the Constitution, seconded by W. Bro. J. F. Irwin (24):

> "That Section 90 be not amended as set out in the Notice of Motion, but that the words, 'on June 3rd, 1943' be added after the words 'life member' in the first line of the last paragraph thereof."

and further:

"That the third paragraph of the said Section be amended by striking out the words 'Ten dollars of which' in the first line thereof, and adding after the words 'Five dollars' in the said line the word 'which.' "
read as follows:

> "For a life membership, Five dollars which shall be placed to the credit of the Benevolent Endowment Fund".
>
> "For every member not a life member on June 3rd, 1943, an annual fee of one dollar, payable one half thereof on the first day of January and one half thereof on the first day of July in each year, such payments to be based on the Lodge membership as at the 31st day of December and the 30th day of June respectively immediately preceding such payments. Each Lodge shall pay the said annual dues for such members before the expiration of three weeks from the dates first above mentioned, in each year".

The original Notice of Motion was withdrawn by the mover and seconder, and the amendment became the motion.

On vote of the Grand Lodge the amended motion was carried.

AMENDMENTS LOST

NOTICE OF MOTION

"1. That Section 27 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the word 'Thursday' in the fourth line and substituting therefor the following words and figures: 'Monday next before the 15th day of April.' "

"2. That Section 28 of the Constitution be amended (1) by striking out the word 'thereupon' in the fourth line, and substituting therefor the word 'forthwith', and (2), by adding at the end thereof the following words: 'And shall thereupon deliver to the Grand Secretary a copy of its said declaration and the Grand Secretary shall immediately notify by mail the Secretary of each constituent Lodge in the Province of Manitoba of the names of all persons nominated for the various offices and the Board in respect of which an election is required.' "

R.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy (4) moved its adoption, seconded by R.W. Bro. C. R. Sayer (10).

On vote of the Grand Lodge, the amendment was lost.

NOTICE OF MOTION

"That Section No. 119 of the Constitution be amended as follows:

> 'Business shall be transacted in either the Master Mason or Entered Apprentice Degrees of Freemasonry.' "

Moved by W. Bro. D. Lofthouse (114), seconded by W. Bro. Harry Knox (114), that the amendment to Section 119 be adopted.

On vote of Grand Lodge the motion was declared lost.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment by Most Worshipful Bro. Stanley H. Fahrni at 4.00 P.M., to see two National War Films, and to re-open at 8.00 P.M.

War Films: "The Battle of the Harvests" and "The Mask of Nippon." These films were shown, and enjoyed by all present.

Second Day

Thursday, June 3rd, 1943.

Evening Session

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Lord of Heaven, and earth, and ocean."

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor by Most Worshipful Bro. Stanley H. Fahrni at 8.05 p.m., with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report as follows:

There are 104 Chartered Lodges on the Grand Lodge Register, 83 Lodges are represented by one or more of their three principal officers, 21 are unrepresented, namely:

Lisgar Lodge No. 2
Glenwood Lodge No. 27
Manitou Lodge No. 30
Birtle Lodge No. 39
Deloraine Lodge No. 40
Oak Lake Lodge No. 44
Oriental Lodge No. 54
Russell Lodge No. 62
Hamiota Lodge No. 84
Robbie Burns Lodge No. 100
Swan Lake Lodge No. 109
Roblin Lodge No. 122
Patricia Lodge No. 125
Favel Lodge No. 126
Victory Lodge No. 128
Shellmouth Lodge No. 129

Composite Lodge No. 64
Elkhorn Lodge No. 74
Stony Mountain Lodge No. 134
Jubilee Lodge No. 147
Foxwarren Lodge No. 152

Eighty-nine Lodges have one or more Past Masters present, and 8 Lodges have neither a Past Master nor Officer present, namely:

Birtle Lodge No. 39
Oak Lake Lodge No. 44
Russell Lodge No. 62
Hamiota Lodge No. 84
Roblin Lodge No. 122
Favel Lodge No. 126
Shellmouth Lodge No. 129
Foxwarren Lodge No. 152

There are:

Past Masters present	445	
Worshipful Masters present	67	
Senior Wardens present	48	
Junior Wardens present	40	
		600
Registered:		
Master Masons	95	
Visitors	20	
		115
Total		715

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH MACKENZIE,
Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Hugh Mackenzie (140), seconded by R. W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr (113), the Report of the Committee on Credentials was received and adopted.

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Tot. Vote
1	Prince Rupert's	1	1	1	19	22
2	Lisgar				5	5
3	Ancient Landmark .	1	1	1	10	13
4	St. John's	1			18	19
6	Emerson	1	1	1	7	10
7	Assiniboine	1	1	1	3	6
8	King Solomon	1			3	4
10	Northern Light	1	1	1	14	17
11	Gladstone	1	1	1	7	10
12	Stonewall	1	1	1	6	9
13	Morden	1	1	1	5	8
14	Prince of Wales	1	1			2
15	Corinthian	1			1	2
19	Brandon	1	1		3	5
24	Neepawa	1	1	1	16	19
25	Ionic	1	1	1	15	18
27	Glenwood				2	2
29	Carberry	1			5	6
30	Manitou				2	2
36	Doric		1			1
39	Birtle					
40	Deloraine				3	3
43	Lebanon			1	1	2
44	Oak Lake					
48	Glenboro	1	1		2	4
49	Temple	1			9	10
50	Killarney	1			1	2
51	Treherne	1	1	1	5	8
52	Hartney	1			1	2
54	Oriental				4	4
55	East Star	1			5	6
62	Russell					
63	Holland				2	2
64	Composite				2	2
67	Wawanesa		1	1	3	5
68	Vermillion	1	1			2
70	Shiloh	1			6	7
71	Crystal	1			4	5
74	Elkhorn				1	1
75	Gothic	1		1		2
77	Napinka		1	1	1	3
82	Cypress	1		1	1	3
84	Hamiota					
86	Elgin	1	1		3	5
87	Rathwell			1	4	5
90	Midlothian	1	1		6	8
92	Shoal Lake	1	1	1	1	4
93	King Edward	1	1		16	18
94	Hiram		1		1	2
100	Robbie Burns				3	3
101	Binscarth	1	1		1	3
102	Miniota	1	1	1	2	5

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Tot. Vote
103	Crescent	1	1	1	6	9
104	Reston	1			2	3
105	Prince Arthur	1			3	4
106	Strathclair	1			2	3
107	Lansdowne	1	1	1	5	8
108	Union	1	1	1	5	8
109	Swan Lake				2	2
110	Kilwinning	1			2	3
111	Acacia		1		5	6
112	Ophir	1			4	5
113	Tweed	1			6	7
114	"The Assiniboine"	1	1	1	15	18
115	Rivers	1				1
116	St. Andrew's		1		6	7
117	Strathcona		1	1	5	7
118	Mound	1			6	7
119	Norwood	1	1	1	15	18
120	Penza	1			4	5
121	St. James			1	7	8
122	Roblin					
123	Transcona	1	1	1	7	10
124	The Pas		1			1
125	Patricia				4	4
126	Favel					
127	Empire	1	1	1	9	12
128	Victory				2	2
129	Shellmouth					
130	Fort Garry	1	1	1	8	11
131	Kildonan	1		1	8	10
132	Sprague	1			2	3
133	McCreary	1	1		2	4
134	Stony Mountain				3	3
136	Capitol	1	1	1	8	11
137	Lord Selkirk	1			4	5
138	Windsor	1			6	7
139	Beaver	1	1	1	3	6
140	Meridian		1		7	8
141	Tuscan	1	1	1	2	5
142	Harmony	1		1	1	3
143	Mt. Sinai	1	1		8	10
144	Fort Osborne	1	1	1	1	4
145	Sturgeon Creek		1		5	6
146	Fidelity	1	1	1	5	8
147	Jubilee				2	2
148	Seven Oaks	1	1		4	6
150	Cartwright	1		1	1	3
151	The Dormer	1		1	7	9
152	Foxwarren					
153	Flin Flon	1			1	2
154	Pine Falls	1	1		4	6
155	Carman			1	1	2
156	Manitouwapa			1	1	2
	Totals	67	48	40	445	600

The Most Worshipful Grand Master called on the following Distinguished Guests to address Grand Lodge:

M.W. Bro. Judge Chauncey C. Colton, P.G.M., of Minnesota.

M.W. Bro. Charles Pollock, P.G.M., of North Dakota.

M.W. Bro. William P. Sturtz, P.G.M., of Minnesota.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation for the Fraternal Greetings and good wishes brought by our Distinguished Guests from their respective Grand Jurisdictions.

REPORT OF THE WAR RELIEF COMMITTEE

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

At the last annual communication of Grand Lodge, a Resolution was unanimously adopted, authorizing and directing the raising of a fund of not less than $10,000.00 to be disbursed under the direction of the Board of General Purposes, and specifically applied to the relief of Masonic Lodges and Freemasons in jurisdicitons outside Manitoba, where the devastations of war necessitated assistance.

A special Committee was appointed by the Board of General Purposes at its meeting on the 31st day of July, 1942, to carry out this project.

The following brethren were appointed to serve on this committee:

Rt. Wor. Bro. Ben C. Parker (Chairman)
Most Wor. Bro. Wm. Douglas
Rt. Wor. Bros. S .Burland, P. T. Pilkey and G. E. Miles.

Authority was given to the committee to add to its numbers and to proceed with its work.

The Committee met on the 17th of July, 1942, and added M.W. Bro. Harry Woods as a member and secretary of the Committee, and also added the District Deputy Grand Masters as corresponding members. The organization for the campaign for the raising of moneys was completed, such organization consisting of the central committee of six members with the eleven District Deputy Grand Masters as corresponding members, a District Committee in each Masonic District under the chairmanship of the District Deputy Grand Master for that District, such district committee to consist of the District Deputy Grand Master as chairman, the District Secretary as Secretary, and the Master, senior warden and secretary of each lodge in the District as members, and a lodge committee in each Lodge under the chairmanship of the Master or someone designated by him to carry out a personal canvass of each and every member of the Lodge.

A letter was prepared and sent to each of the District Deputy Grand Masters outlining the plan of organization, and requesting the completion of organization in the districts as quickly as possible. This letter was mailed on Friday, the 7th of August, 1942, and made plain to the District Deputy Grand Masters that the chief responsibility for the conduct of the campaign was being placed on them.

On the 21st of September, a circular letter was prepared to be printed and forwarded to members of all constituent lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction and other communications were sent to the District Deputy Grand Masters on November 5th and November 21st.

A meeting of the Committee was held on Tuesday the 8th of December, 1942, at which it was decided to send a further letter to the Secretary of each constituent lodge to reach him not later than January 15th, 1943, and to write to the District Deputy Grand Masters urging them not to relax their efforts, but to do everything possible to assure the success of the campaign.

On Monday, the 25th day of January, 1943, the committee prepared a circular in question and answer form, which was forwarded through the Lodge secretaries to the chairman of each lodge committee, copies also being sent to the District Deputy Grand Masters.

In addition to the work done by circulars and correspondence, the purpose of the fund was presented at District meetings, at Lodge meetings and at a meeting of the Masters, Wardens and Secretaries of the 1st, 10th and 12th Masonic Districts.

The result of the campaign has been the raising of the sum of $10,937.00. There was a balance of money in hand from the previous campaign amounting to $1,839.00. This amount, added to the receipts in the present campaign gives a total of $12,776.00.

An urgent call for assistance was received from the brethren of the craft at Chungking, China, and the sum of sixteen thousand seven hundred Chinese dollars were remitted to Chungking for the relief of Masonic brethren and their dependents who had escaped from Hong Kong and are now in Chungking undergoing great suffering and destitution. This remittance, including the costs of cabling the money and exchange, involved the expenditure of $1,026.41 in Canadian funds. There is therefore left in the fund the sum of $11,749.59.

Appended to this report is a statement showing by lodges and by districts the amounts contributed. A study of this tabulation is of interest and discloses that in those Districts where the District Deputy Grand Master was alert and active, and conscious of the responsibility which rested upon him, satisfactory results were obtained, while in those districts where the leadership which should reasonably be expected from the District Deputy Grand Master was wanting, the results were not satisfactory. Similar remarks should be made with regard to the individual constituent lodges. In those lodges where the programme laid down was adhered to and carefully carried out, and a personal canvass of all members made, very substantial results were obtained, while in other lodges where the programme was not carried out, and no personal canvass conducted, the results are disappointing.

To those District Deputy Grand Masters and to the brethren who have given of their time and substance to raising this fund, the Committee extends its hearty thanks.

Notwithstanding the fact that the sum of $11,749.59 is in hand and is in readiness to cope with the problem of assisting our unfortunate brethren, the committee recommends that it be continued, with authority to receive any voluntary contributions which may be sent to the fund by the members of the craft, and that the District organizations and the lodge committees be continued to receive and forward all such contributions, and to keep before the members of the craft the possible needs of lodges and brethren in other Grand Jurisdictions, so that if the progress of the war should render additional assistance desirable, the organization will be ready to function.

The Committee recommends that the Board of General Purposes be given power to take whatever steps may seem to it wise, including, if necessary, the raising of further funds, to satisfy any new need.

Some members of the Committee have given consideration to the problem of assisting in the re-establishment of Lodges in Grand Jurisdictions where Masonry has been proscribed. The Committee recommends that this study be continued, and that a tentative programme be worked out, so that when the time for re-establishment of these Lodges has come, it will be possible to give prompt and effective assistance.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

BEN C. PARKER,
Chairman, War Relief Committee.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (4), seconded by R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey (25), the report of the War Relief Committee was received and adopted.

MASONIC WAR RELIEF FUND

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

Masonic Year 1942-43

1.	Prince Rupert's	$ 518.14	
2.	Ancient Landmark	392.20	
4.	St. John's	1,109.85	
10.	Northern Light	528.00	
25.	Ionic	851.50	
93.	King Edward	153.00	
111.	Acacia	89.00	
114.	"The Assiniboine"	214.50	
119.	Norwood	231.50	
121.	St. James	149.50	
127.	Empire	45.50	
			4,282.69

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

7.	Assiniboine	$ 114.20
11.	Gladstone	84.00
24.	Neepawa	52.64
29.	Carberry	21.00
49.	Temple	110.00
75.	Gothic	25.00

108.	Union	40.00	
116.	St. Andrew's	37.00	
133.	McCreary	53.00	
			536.84

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

48.	Glenboro	75.00	
51.	Treherne	27.50	
63.	Holland	49.00	
67.	Wawanesa	22.00	
82.	Cypress	85.00	
87.	Rathwell	18.50	
103.	Crescent	37.00	
109.	Swan Lake	22.00	
117.	Strathcona	39.00	
			375.00

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

13.	Morden	95.00	
30.	Manitou	73.25	
36.	Doric	107.00	
50.	Killarney	42.00	
71.	Crystal	50.00	
118.	Mound	25.00	
150.	Cartwright	36.00	
			428.25

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

14.	Prince of Wales	53.00	
15.	Corinthian	59.50	
39.	Birtle	38.00	
62.	Russell	32.00	
84.	Hamiota	23.00	
92.	Shoal Lake	82.00	
101.	Binscarth	6.50	
102.	Miniota	51.00	
106.	Strathclair	72.97	
115.	Rivers	38.00	
129.	Shellmouth	20.00	
142.	Harmony	9.00	
152.	Foxwarren	32.00	
			516.97

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

27.	Glenwood	112.35	
40.	Deloraine	16.00	

52.	Hartney	34.65	
54.	Oriental	78.00	
77.	Napinka	27.00	
86.	Elgin	78.00	
104.	Reston	129.00	
110.	Kilwinning	73.00	
			548.00

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

19.	Brandon	169.50	
43.	Lebanon	79.00	
44.	Oak Lake	18.00	
64.	Composite	19.00	
74.	Elkhorn	10.50	
107.	Lansdowne	59.50	
113.	Tweed	359.25	
			714.75

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

6.	Emerson	68.85	
8.	King Solomon	47.00	
55.	East Star	37.10	
70.	Shiloh	92.00	
90.	Midlothian	60.00	
	District Funds Contribution.	28.70	
120.	Penza	45.38	
125.	Patricia	16.00	
155.	Carman	44.25	
			449.28

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

68.	Vermillion	202.50	
94.	Hiram	75.50	
100.	Robbie Burns	82.50	
105.	Prince Arthur	18.00	
122.	Roblin	45.00	
126.	Favel	25.00	
128.	Victory	27.00	
147.	Jubilee	28.00	
			503.50

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

2.	Lisgar	88.00
12.	Stonewall	86.25
112.	Ophir	55.50
123.	Transcona	55.00

131. Kildonan	67.00	
134. Stony Mountain	14.00	
148. Seven Oaks	61.25	
151. The Dormer	20.00	
154. Pine Falls	32.50	
156. Manitouwapa	62.00	
		541.50

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

130. Fort Garry	229.50	
136. Capitol	131.00	
137. Lord Selkirk	110.00	
138. Windsor	111.00	
139. Beaver	47.00	
140. Meridian	429.72	
141. Tuscan	49.00	
143. Mount Sinai	270.50	
144. Fort Osborne	122.00	
145. Sturgeon Creek	50.00	
146. Fidelity	205.50	
		1,764.22

DISTRICTS UNDER JURISDICTION OF GRAND MASTER

124. The Pas	106.00	
132. Sprague	20.00	
153. Flin Flon	150.00	
		276.00
Grand Total		$10,937.00

COMMITTEE ON GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.
Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report begs to comment as follows:

After carefully persuing the Grand Secretary's Report and considering the various items therein, it is considered that little comment is necessary.

It is particularly gratifying to note that, while a net loss in membership again has occurred, this loss is considerably less than in the year 1941. This is due principally to the fact that membership by initiation, affiliation and re-instatement exceeded the figures of the previous year by 57. It is also interesting to note that all of the factors responsible for loss in membership, that is, suspensions, demits and deaths are lower than in the previous year. The Grand Secretary has in his Report made a very timely suggestion towards membership increase which we hope will result in action by all members.

Your Committee wishes to sincerely commend the very efficient services rendered by the Grand Secretary. His devotion to his duties and the courtesy and consideration he has displayed towards the Brethren with whom he has been in contact should be an inspiration to all of us.

Fraternally submitted,

J. J. BANNERMAN,
Chairman.

On motion of W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman (93), seconded by R.W. Bro. Wm. McLellan (114), the report on Grand Secretary's Report was received and adopted.

Music by the Shrine Chanters.

ADDRESS BY M.W. BRO. C. P. SEELEY, P.G.M.

of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

It takes a greater man than I, after all that has been said yesterday and today, and after all the eloquence of this night, to rouse and to hold you. No speech that I may deliver at this late hour will carry you to the unfenced heights. I am going to be frank with you; I am going to cut this address in two for the sake of your Grand Master, and for the sake of you, my brethren; you will support me in that. I had an address prepared with a beginning, a middle and an end; now I shall cut out the middle and the two ends. I have a solemn and serious thought to express, and I hope I shall adhere to all the ancient landmarks; I may get outside the traces just a little; if so, I hope you will pardon me.

The quiet harmony that prevails within these peaceful walls, this selected group of high-minded men, this entire setting reminds me that I am a Master Mason. And the answer comes back to me, "try me and prove me," and, let us hope (im)prove me. In a moment on the dial of time, when these deliberations shall have ended, we shall have taken our several ways—you to your task and I to mine, you with your troubles and I with mine. Out there in the world we shall meet every type of mind; we shall meet a half a hundred philosophies, and social gospels and facts sufficient to deck a Cartesian Paradise. Nowhere shall we escape the question, "Are you a Master Mason?" And nowhere dare we evade the answer, "I am, sir; try me and prove me." Try me by any test you wish. For who today dare falter? Who today dare be a cynic? Who today dare plead thereto any excuse? Who today dare forget that duty, honor and gratitude bind him to his trust?

A Master Mason! Let us remember that in the hands of a "Master" action never wanders from intent. The Master Poet can mould his language precisely to his ideal intention; the Master Composer can produce a perpetual, uncorroded beauty; the Master Mechanic, through his curious and masterly workmanship, can produce such delicate precision and smooth efficiency that we who are ignorant stand in amazement. And here THE great question is raised: Can we in any sense of the term produce the "Master human"? Can we, in other words, so improve man that he will live in the sunshine of enduring goodness; that he will love beauty, that he will cherish truth, that he will cultivate harmony; that he will practice the fine art of making living itself an art? Friedrich Nietzsche has given us the German answer, an absolute "No." I think that is the German answer still: "You cannot improve man." Said Nietzsche: "No sensible man would attempt to improve man; the thing to strive for and uphold, is the super-man," and he holds up an excuse for a moustache as exhibit No. 1. John Masefield speaks for old England, the little island in the North Sea. Masefield is speaking directly to Berlin in "Some Verses to Some Germans."

"O rightly your sublime one as he died
Called for more Light; for Death is of the dark,
And darkness dwells upon Man crucified,
Light, on the dove returning to the ark.
Light is above all darkness and dispels
All darkness soon.
Upon another morrow, if we strive,
Our links of Life, now broken, may unite,
Not each for each but both for all alive
Opening the other shutters for more light."

President Roosevelt has answered this question for the United States of America, answered very directly. When Mr. Churchill ventured that Great Britain would give a written guarantee to assist in the struggle against Japan when the German issue was settled, the President replied: "The word of an English gentleman is enough." There you have the improved man. But what of ourselves—we who wear the apron? In a not-too-well-known ancient charge, Freemasonry defines a Lodge as "a place where Freemasons gather to improve themselves." You are all familiar with these exhortations: "As you increase in knowledge you will consequently improve in social intercourse"; "by this privilege you may improve your intellectual faculties"; "to improve the morals and correct the manners of men in society ought to be your constant care"; in fact, my brethren, it may be too much to say that one of Masonry's supreme objects is the "improvement" of all men, and I sometimes think the world has caught that Masonic spirit. Are we not now looking towards a gigantic enterprise of great promise? The very word enterprise suggests to me something peculiarly Masonic.

In all life there are two considerations very closely related, our procedures and our goal or objective. The goal of any person, firm or organization must be in harmony with the procedures adopted to attain their end. You can never disassociate your procedures from your objective. In other words our methods of doing things must be in keeping with our objective. We have our Masonic procedures, our Masonic way of doing things, our Masonic way of leading the candidate to the light, of leading him through the paths of Heavenly science even into the throne of God. The very atmosphere of the Lodge room is in harmony with that goal. The atmosphere of the Lodge room is charged with significant meaning; procedures and objectives strangely blend. There is a lesson for the world just here. German procedures we know have been the method of the drill yard, and the objective has been achieved—an objective quite in keeping with the method employed. Some teachers teach by formula, the goal of their endeavors can only be a machine. Freemasonry does not in colorful language denounce the evils of Caesar's world. Freemasonry postulates a goal and sets out by definite procedures to get there. Only those actively engaged therein will ever get there. As for the world, if we seek a democratic goal we must follow democratic procedures; if we seek a unified world we must adopt integrative procedures; if we seek a spiritual world we can never hope to achieve our end by mechanical procedures. History tells its own story! since 1832 we have tried every mechanical means under the sun to unify and edify man, and we are exactly where we began. We have tried alliances, holy and unholy; we have tried treaties, agreements, and Balances of Power. Let us face the issue, brethren, fairly and squarely. Spiritual objectives are not achieved by mechanical means, the experiences of these 110 years testify to the truth thereof.

Freemasonry is saying more than this to the world. Lodge room procedures have impressed me again and again with the great truth that tragedy elevates and stimulates worthy men rather than distracts and destroys. Worthy men are at their best when they stand on the very brink of the grave; again we have the testimony of history. Turn, if you will to the little island in the North Sea—those people who have given the world a lead on more than one occasion—those people who have come up the long severe route through discipline to freedom. Over 130 years ago tragedy faced the little island. Sir John

Moore was sent to meet the tyrant on the Continent; instead he met disaster. Forming a square around the grave of their leader, his men:

"Slowly and sadly laid him down,
They spoke not a word of sorrow,
But they steadfastly gazed on the face that was dead
And they bitterly thought of the morrow."

Bitterness? Yes, but out of that came Waterloo; out of that came light and strength and grit and determination.

The little island has again made history at Dunkirk. Dunkirk will live as long as free men speak the English tongue, for out of the dark hour of Dunkirk a new unity dawned in the history of mankind. Three of more determined and atrocious character than the rest persisted in their impious design, in the prosecution of which they severally placed themselves in Berlin, Rome and Tokyo. . . . Britain staggered faint and bleeding from Dunkirk to stand up and take the war. Kipling has spoken it:

"Comfort, content, delight,
The ages slow bought gain,
They Shrivelled in a night,
Only ourselves remain
To face the naked days
In silent fortitude."

There was the real Britain answering the great end of her creation—and the truth of that which was spoken becomes clearer: "Such in like circumstances will be the magnanimity of every nation whose minds are well constituted."

My brethren, tonight the nations of the world are the candidates seeking admission. If this gigantic enterprise is to be a success, each nation must answer satisfactorily the three questions raised thus far in this discussion:

This time action must not wander from intent?
It did following 1919.
This time procedures must be in harmony with
our objectives? They were not last time.

> This time is tragedy—this horrible butchery and madness—going to elevate and stimulate or distract and destroy as it did last time?

Those are the questions that are even now put to the National candidates. I am not a pessimist. I have faith to believe that the Committees will report favorably.

Let us seek Canada's answer. Are we prepared in each case to stand perfectly erect and answer: "Try me and prove me." I look at it this way. During these regenerative years since 1939 we have been growing up, we have lived long and travelled far. And we have done this by spending—spending more and more of our wealth, more and more of our genius, more and more of our energy. And we have thus been spending not that we may attain some enonomic goal. There is no one in this room, in this city, in this land, who would say that we are fighting for one economic cent's worth. On the contrary, we have at long last discovered that there are "spiritual values in world affairs." For these we fight and spend. During these regenerative years we have been growing in confidence. We have, if you like, discovered ourselves. We have discovered what we "can" do. That word "can" takes me back to Aristotle, who warned the world for all time that "before deciding upon what you ought to do, first write down with accuracy and precision what you can do." We have discovered that we can do things we had never dreamed of. We have been growing too in understanding. The experiences of these regenerative years have taught us one of man's disastrous weaknesses—his glib, unconsidered use of adjectives. The adjective is the dangerout part of speech. If we could eliminate the adjective from the world's vocabulary, I think we would eliminate wars. The adjective enables us to emphasize our differences rather than our similarities. What is wrong with Europe? Too much of the adjective. European nationalities dwell upon their differences; they emphasize and magnify those differences. They forget their similarities, that they have so much in common. Canada is not guiltless. Canada, too, is adjective-minded. Canada, I fear, thinks too much in terms of French-Canadian, English-Canadian, German-Canadian, Ukrainian-Canadian, Eastern-Canadian, and Western-Canadian. And take that frequently used term, "democracy." It is disturbing, to say the least, to hear and read so much about political democracy, social democracy and economic democracy, when the concept we should aim to grasp and to build is "democracy itself." Let us drop the adjectives.

May I, in the closing moments of this address, seek to interpret the significance of this growing-up process. We have discovered these reservoirs of wealth, of genius and of energy, and I find it impossible to believe that we shall seal these reservoirs, put them carefully aside in cold-storage and accept from Ottawa or any other government, refreshment booths and mere security—social or otherwise—for the duration of life. I find it impossible to believe that the habits, dispositions and attitudes we have formed during these regenerative years will permit any man worthy of the name "man" to be satisfied with a job merely for the sake of having something to do. There is purpose in all this vast expenditure. We have grasped that purpose. Life's values are at stake.

A little lad in Grade VI and a Professor of Philosophy were asked this question: "What are you going to be when the war is over?" Note please, not what are you going to "do", but what are you going to "be"? Each gave the same answer. Said the little boy, "I am going to be a survivor." Said the Philosopher, "We are going to be privileged to make full use of our resources, both natural and human, for the improvement of mankind." The same answer? Yes. If we are going to "survive" on into the years, we must make full use of our resources. The method of today is the making of the full use of our resources—wealth, genius and energy. The goal of today we very well know. The method of tomorrow will be making full use of our resources.. The goal of tomorrow will be the improvement of mankind.

Do you think, my brethren, that mere reforming of externals will improve man? Do you think that a peaceful world is possible unless man is improved? Do you think that short hours and high wages can take the place of a dominant purpose? If we are to have a new order, let it be "new". But there is nothing new about work and wages—wages as high as you like, hours as short as you like. That is the same old economic goal, that we abandoned when all-out war began. May I recall the words of Principal L. P. Jacks, one of the shrewdest of minds: "Man saves his soul by the way he 'wins' his daily bread." Wins it! Education can never be a gift. Every individual must win it. Democracy can never be a gift. Every nation must win it. Freedom can never be a gift. It must be fought for and won. Salvation is not a gift. "I must work out my own salvation." And now bread is added to the list. Says Jacks: "If the bread-winning part of man's business contributes nothing to his spiritual nourishment, his soul will die of famine." Just what does Jacks mean, anyway? I think he means that when what the mind is thinking grows out of what the hand is doing, when mental process and labor process are cognate and harmonious, you have the happy and contented man; when one's ideas and acts are charged with ever-expanding meaning and significance, then that man is growing, he is educating himself, he is entertaining himself, his soul is making ever closer and more satisfying adjustment to creation's plan. The whole process of life, of growth, of education, of adjustment to God and His works, begins in the "individual" and his work. The possibility that labor might be the most dignified calling in the world has not yet been explored. You will recall that Mr. Churchill, in that much-criticized address of his, mentioned the economic factor. But note carefully what he really said: "I hope to see a vigorous revival of healthy village life on the basis of these higher wages." A vigorous revival of healthy, wholesome community life out there in every little hamlet. Higher wages are but a means to higher and nobler ends. Otherwise they are detrimental to life.

Baron Hugel was in conversation with a factory owner. The factory owner was a good man, a sincere man. He was telling the Baron about his plans to "Christianize his factory." He mentioned the swimming pool, the dental clinic, the central heating, the refreshment booths, the playing fields, the ventilation. By this time the Baron had had enough. "Stop, man," said the Baron, "you haven't begun to understand what Christianity means. Christianity is not refreshment booths and swimming pools. Christianity is a soul in the presence of God." The conversation ended right there.

Is it not a bleak and barren outlook for any social organization if all plans and procedures are directed to the finding of ways and means to feed, clothe, shelter and amuse people? Our soldiers are beyond the seas. One day they will return. Do you think those sons, brothers, cousins, nephews will be thrilled if, as an "address of welcome", they are told that during their temporary absence we have worked out a plan to keep them from starving to death? It seems to me their answer will be something like this: "Look here, Canada, we have been over there fighting, in order that man may be free to improve himself and his world. To prevent the recurrence of this mad hell, man must improve himself, improve his reading, improve his thinking, improve his appreciation, improve his prayers, improve his soul. If man does not now improve himself, we shall see to it that he does."

My brother, your son is sleeping over there. He stood one day on the brink of the grave and gave one last, far look into the uncertain future of mankind. How beautiful, how challenging were his farewell thoughts.

"Grow strong, Dad, that you may stand
Unshaken when I fall,
That I may know the shattered fragments of my song
Will come to finer melody in you,
That I may tell my heart that you begin
Where passing I leave off,
And fathom more."

The brethren showed their appreciation of M.W. Bro. Seeley's address by prolonged applause.

Our Most Worshipful Grand Master thanked our Guest Speaker for his fine outstanding address.

HONORARY PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER DEGREES

The Most Worshipful Grand Master conferred the rank of Honorary Past District Deputy Grand Master on the following two brethren for outstanding service rendered to their respective Lodges and to the Craft in general:

R.W. Bro. William A. Piper, Sprague Lodge No. 132.
R.W. Bro. Ray C. Jones, Flin Flon Lodge No. 153.

Both of these Lodges are outside of the Eleven Masonic Districts, and directly under the care of the Grand Master.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

The Committee on the Grand Master's Address appointed by the Board of General Purposes, beg to report as follows:

It was Ralph Waldo Emerson who said in substance that every Institution is the elongated shadow of one man. Whether or not we accept this dictum, it cannot be questioned that no organization rises higher than its leadership. During the past year we have been most fortunate in having a leader who has been most zealous in the performance of his duties, though becomingly modest in his report. He made many visitations both within and without his own jurisdiction. From personal knowledge, your Committee knows that each visit was productive of the desired end, viz: the strengthening of fraternal ties and the promulgation of the inspirational word for the advancement of Masonic ideals. In this, he evidenced that wisdom and restraint, so necessary to a successful administration.

His declaration of Faith, in Almighty God and thanks for His Blessings to us in this time of war and world suffering touched his hearers deeply.

By implication the Grand Master shows that our Noble Order has all the elements that go towards the upbuilding of humanity in the great social virtues of Faith, Friendship and Freedom, ever seeking to ennoble and beautify life, by working for human unity, purity of character and stability of society. We can see one leading thought permeating his address, viz: that Humanity is the heart of Man, and Justice is the Faith of Man; the broadminded see the truth in different religions, and the narrow minded see only the differences.

The Grand Master discusses many problems with characteristic directness, presenting solutions that evidence deep study and much personal application.

His list of visitations both within and without our Grand Jurisdiction was an extensive one, necessitating travel of over 10,000 miles which reveals something of the physical effort and sacrifice made in the interests of our beloved Order. The spirit of the reception accorded him in his travels reveals his personal popularity and was quite befitting our Grand Master as Leader of the Craft. The Grand Master shows an intimate knowledge of conditions within his own Jurisdiction, and withholds no commendation when such is due, nor does he hestitate to call attention to any infraction of Masonic Law or Usage. He believes that Masonic Laws are made to be observed and not to be evaded by Dispensation or otherwise.

Fitting reference is made to the loss sustained by our Jurisdiction and neighboring Jurisdictions south of the International Boundary, by the passing of eminent brethren who had distinguished themselves in promoting goodwill and International Amity.

We commend the Grand Master for his touching reference to the loss sustained by the Empire on the untimely death of the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, M.W. Bro. H.R.H. The Duke of Kent.

Your Committee heartily endorses the Grand Master's message as to the part that Freemasonry should play in World Reconstruction after the war. It was a timely plea for toleration, unity and constructive work. The world at present, is sick, full of suspicion, distrust, disunity, yea even hate and mutual destruction. The gospel of toleration, fraternal unity and constructive work must be given to all classes, nations and races of the modern world or civilization will perish from the earth. We Masons call ourselves "Builders" and it is high time that we demonstrated to the world that ours is a high mission and that we are able to build and co-operate on a world scale in our work.

It is pleasing to note that the Grand Master reports a strong upsurge of Masonic activity in every District and, in every Lodge, and the Study Clubs are becoming more active.

We highly commend the interest the Grand Master took in our Initiates, many of whom are in the Army, Navy and Air Force, and your Committee notes with particular interest, his solicitude for members of the Craft in the Services from all parts of the Empire.

Your Committee learns with pleasure that there are many evidences that the Lodges are catching the real vision of their mission in the communities in which they operate and are striving to fulfill their obligations to God, their country and their fellowmen, by becoming mediums for service.

The Grand Master reports an added interest in the District Meetings as evidenced by the large attendance and carefully arranged programmes. Praise is given to the D.D.G.M.'s for their work and unfailing kindness and courtesy.

We recommend the Grand Master's kindly reference to those members of this Grand Jurisdiction who have reached the half century mark of continuous Masonic endeavor, and who received medals and official recognition at the hands of the Grand Master.

We rejoice at the honors, so richly deserved, conferred upon the Grand Master by the daughter Grand Lodges of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Your Committee is in thorough accord with the Grand Master's recommendation that the fullest possible support be given to the "Western Conference". This conference serves an excellent purpose by pooling ideas for the orderly operation of Grand Lodges, and as far as possible, uniformity of procedure.

Your Committee heartily endorses the Grand Master's commendation of those Lodges situated near Training Camps for the kindness shown to the Trainees who are members of the Craft and others, and who, no doubt, when the strife is over may become "Ambassadors of Goodwill".

His touching reference to those young men "the Flower of our Youth" whose offer has been accepted, and who are dying and who are prepared to die that we might live, visibly affected Grand Lodge. It is our bounden duty to see to it that these sacrifices have not been made in vain.

We commend the Grand Master for his contacts with our American Brethren. His visit to the International Picnic at Lake Metagoshe was productive of much good. Too much emphasis cannot be placed upon the wholesome results of these International gatherings.

The Grand Master speaks with pride, that through voluntary contributions over $10,000.00 was raised for the relief of Masons in any part of the world.

We commend the kindly reference made by the Grand Master to the excellent work being accomplished by the three Lodges under his direct personal supervision and we heartily endorse his recommendation that special recognition be accorded any member of these Lodges for meritorious service to the Craft.

We greatly appreciate the high tribute paid to the services and assistance of our Grand Secretary and other members of Grand Lodge who have given so generously of their time and ability in the interests of the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction.

In conclusion your Committee wishes to congratulate the Grand Master on a year's work of fruitful activity. We recommend to Grand Lodge the endorsation of his Official Acts. Let us maintain in their fullest splendor the Principles he enunciated ever looking forward to the time, which will surely come, even if the way is hard, when victory will be ours and never overlooking our obligations as Freemasons towards the security of the future.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE HUNTER,
Chairman.

On motion of M.W. Bro. George Hunter (10), seconded by M.W. Bro. James S. MacEwing (51), the report on the Grand Master's address was received and adopted.

REPORT OF SCRUTINEERS ON ELECTIONS FOR 1943-1944

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Your Board of Scrutineers, appointed to conduct the Annual Election of Officers and eight members to the Board of General Purposes for a term of two years, also District Deputy Grand Masters for the several Masonic Districts, make report as follows.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER the name of Benjamin Cronyn Parker was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER the name of Samuel Burland was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF SENIOR GRAND WARDEN the name of Peter T. Pilkey was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN three names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

A. K. Cates
M. S. Donovan
J. F. Irwin

The number of ballots cast was 578 of which 573 were valid, 5 were spoiled. The necessary quota to elect was 287. Brother Donovan received an equivalent to elect.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND TREASURER the name of Alexander Burgess was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY the name of J. H. G. Russell was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND CHAPLAIN the name of John L. McInnis was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND HISTORIAN the name of William Douglas was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES the name of J. J. Bannerman was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND LIBRARIAN the name of Chas. E. Somerset was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES ten names submitted for eight vacanies (two year term) i.e.:

Fred H. Blythe
H. Coddington
Alex E. Duff
S. Hart Green
K. R. Kennedy
Hugh M. Kerr
W. C. McDonald
Wm. McLellan
A. H. Steventon
H. E. Swift

The number of ballots cast was 577 of which 566 were valid, 11 were spoiled. The necessary quota to elect was 63. The following named brethren received the required quota or an equivalent to elect:

1. Fred H. Blythe
2. H. Coddington
3. S. Hart Green
4. K. R. Kennedy
5. Hugh M. Kerr
6. W. C. McDonald
7. Wm. McLellan
8. A. H. Steventon

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

First Masonic District two names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

Frank N. Baxter
Samuel C. Taylor

The number of ballots cast was 165 of which 164 were valid. The necessary quota to elect was 83. Bro. Baxter was elected.

Second Masonic District the name of Malcom E. Mackinnon was the only one submitted in nomination.

Third Masonic District the name of Harry R. Bewes was the only one submitted in nomination.

Fourth Masonic District the name of Ronald W. Tuckwell was the only one submitted in nomination.

Fifth Masonic District the name of William E. Wiltsey was the only one submitted in nomination.

Sixth Masonic District the name of Fred Ford was the only one submitted in nomination.

Seventh Masonic District the name of J. M. McCorkindale was the only one submitted in nomination.

Eighth Masonic District the name of George E. Keyes was the only one submitted in nomination.

Ninth Masonic District the name of John Livesey was the only one submitted in nomination.

Tenth Masonic District three names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

E. J. Kahle
Jas. W. L. Lindsay
R. M. Muckle

The number of ballots cast was 62 of which 62 were valid. The necessary quota to elect was 32. Bro. Muckle was elected.

Twelfth Masonic District the name of David Griffith was the only one submitted in nomination.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

WM. DOUGLAS,
Chairman.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4), seconded by M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (4), the report of the Scrutineers was received and adopted.

RESOLUTION RE HONORARY RANK

Whereas the understanding and good-will that has been steadily growing between the people of the United States and the Dominion of Canada is now finding its highest expression in the united front of our two nations and our allies against the powers of Nazism and oppression;

And whereas Ancient, Free and Accepted Masonry has been and is still a major factor in creating, fostering and increasing the harmony that exists between our respective countries;

And whereas for many years past the Grand Lodges of Minnesota, North Dakota and Manitoba have, by the interchange of fraternal visitations, and by their mutual support and co-operation maintained and developed such harmony and good-will to a marked degree within these neighboring Jurisdictions;

And whereas among the men who have been the able instruments of the Ancient Craft, in that behalf are the distinguished brethren hereafter named:

And whereas the Grand Lodge of Manitoba has now made the constitutional change necessary to enable this Grand Lodge to confer upon these brethren the long overdue honors that are justly theirs.

Be it, and it is hereby resolved, that the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., doth hereby confer upon each of the following Most Worshipful brethren the honorary rank of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master:

M.W. Bro. Frank W. Matson,
M.W. Bro. Ralph W. Stanford,
M.W. Bro. Chauncey C. Colton,
M.W. Bro. William P. Sturtz;

all of whom are Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

AND,

M.W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell,
M.W. Bro. Mark I. Forkner,
M.W. Bro. Charles M. Pollock,
M.W. Bro. Harry W. Gill;

all of whom are Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, and that the proper Certificates be forthwith issued in that behalf.

Moved by M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd (140), seconded by M.W. Bro. William Douglas (4). Carried unanimously.

M.W. Bro. Charles M. Pollock, on behalf of the North Dakota brethren, and M.W. Bro. Ralph W. Stanford, on behalf of the brethren of Minnesota, thanked Grand Lodge for the honor conferred on them, which they all appreciated.

APPRECIATION

Grand Lodge, on motion of R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell (114), adopted the following Resolution of Appreciation:

> "To the Shrine Chanters, under the leadership of Bro. A. Gill, for attending our Thursday Evening Meeting and rendering several very appropriate songs, which were greatly appreciated."
>
> "To V.W. Bro. J. J. Lyon, our Grand Organist, for the fine service he rendered as song leader and accompanist."
>
> "To the management of the Royal Alexandra Hotel, for arrangements they made for our Grand Lodge Sessions; and to the staff for their ready assistance and help at all times."
>
> "To all those who assisted in making our Grand Lodge Communication the success it proved to be."

INSTALLATION CEREMONY

Hymn: "O Master, let me walk with Thee."

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. Stanley H. Fahrni, called on M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (4), to assume the Gavel and instal the Grand Lodge Officers.

M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (4) called on R.W. Bro. C. R. Sayer (10), Grand Director of Ceremonies, to assist him.

The following Grand Lodge Officers, elected and appointed, were duly installed in office, except the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Historian, Grand Librarian and Grand Organist, who were re-elected to their respective Grand Lodge Offices:

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Grand Master	M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker (4)	Winnipeg
Deputy Grand Master	R.W. Bro. Samuel Burland (12)	St. Vital
Senior Grand Warden	R.W. Bro. Rev. P. T. Pilkey (25)	Winnipeg
Junior Grand Warden	R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (113)	Brandon
Grand Treasurer	R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3)	Winnipeg
Grand Secretary	R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell (114)	Winnipeg
Grand Chaplain	R.W. Bro. Rev. J. L. McInnis (114),	Winnipeg
Grand Historian	M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4)	Winnipeg
G.D. of Ceremonies	R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman (93)	Winnipeg
Grand Librarian	R.W. Bro. Rev. C. E. Somerset (2)	Selkirk
Senior Grand Deacon	V.W. Bro. O. L. Best (4)	Winnipeg
Junior Grand Deacon	V.W. Bro. James Irwin (127)	Winnipeg
Senior Grand Steward,	V.W. Bro. Wilfred Lawson (139)	Winnipeg
Junior Grand Steward,	V.W. Bro. W. C. Miller (55)	Gretna
Grand Organist	V.W. Bro. J. J. Lyon (130)	Winnipeg
Grand Pursuivant	V.W. Bro. Alex. M. Brown (19)	Brandon
Grand Tyler	V.W. Bro. C. J. Last (3)	Winnipeg

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

1st Masonic District	R.W. Bro. F. N. Baxter (93)	Winnipeg
2nd Masonic District	R.W. Bro. M. E. Mackinnon (49)	Macgregor
3rd Masonic District	R.W. Bro. H. R. Bewes (103)	Elm Creek
4th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. R. W. Tuckwell (118)	Pilot Mound
6th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. Fred Ford (40)	Deloraine
8th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. G. E. Keyes (55)	Winnipeg
9th Masonic District	R W. Bro. John Livesey (105)	Swan River
10th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. R. M. Muckle (2)	Clandeboye
12th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. David Griffith (138)	St. Vital

Note: The District Deputy Grand Masters of the Fifth and Seventh Masonic Districts, W. Bro. W. E. Wiltsey (118) and W. Bro. J. McCorkindale (74) respectively, were not at Grand Lodge to be installed.

Most Worshipful Bro. Ben C. Parker, Grand Master Elect, thanked the Grand Installing Officer, M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (4), and the Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. C. R. Sayer (10), for the fine exemplification of the Installation Ceremony.

PRESENTATIONS

M.W. Bro. Stanley H. Fahrni, retiring Grand Master, presented M.W. Bro. Ben C. Parker, Grand Master Elect, with a Grand Master's Collar, Jewel and Apron on behalf of Grand Lodge. M.W. Bro. Ben C. Parker, in accepting the Regalia, expressed his thanks and appreciation for the gift, and to the members of Grand Lodge for the honor they had conferred on him in electing him to occupy the Grand East.

M.W. Bro. George Hunter presented a Past Grand Master's Jewel to M.W. Bro. Stanley H. Fahrni, retiring Grand Master, on behalf of Grand Lodge, to which M.W. Bro. Stanley H. Fahrni replied in a very appropriate manner.

The newly-installed Grand Master called on R.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan, the new Junior Grand Warden, to address the brethren on behalf of himself and the other Elected Grand Lodge Officers; and on R.W. Bro. David Griffith on behalf of the newly Elected District Deputy Grand Masters, and V.W. Bro. O. L. Best on behalf of the newly Appointed Grand Lodge Officers.

As was to be expected, these brethren responded to the request of the Grand Master, and assured him of their loyal support and assistance during the coming year.

M.W. Bro. Charles M. Pollock, P.G.M., of North Dakota, congratulated M.W. Bro. Ben C. Parker on his election to his high office, and congratulated the retiring Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Stanley H. Fahrni, on a very successful year in office, to which our illustrious brethren thanked our distinguished guest for his kind expressions of congratulations and good wishes.

CLOSING HYMN

"O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand."

The business of the Sixty-eighth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Manitoba, having been completed, the Most Worshipful Grand Master closed it in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Fraternally submitted,

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J.H.G. Russell
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE LUNCHEON

Luncheon was given to members of Grand Lodge and our Distinguished Guests at the Royal Alexandra Hotel, at 12.30 noon, by the Freemasons of the First and Twelfth Masonic Districts, under the auspices of the Past Masters' Association of Winnipeg, W. Bro. A. E. Longstaffe, President and Chairman.

LUNCHEON

Invocation by R.W. Bro. Rev. J. L. McInnis, Grand Chaplain.

Musical Selections by Bro. John Carrick, accompanied by V.W. Bro. J. J. Lyon, Grand Organist.

The Chairman gave a warm and hearty welcome to the brethren and our Guests, and called on our Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Rev. J. L. McInnis, to introduce our Guest Speaker, the Most Reverend L. Ralph Sherman, Archbishop of Rupert's Land.

Worshipful Toastmaster, Your Grace, Most Worshipful Sir, and Brethren:

A pleasing duty has been assigned to me, with an injunction to be brief. The coming of a new Archbishop is an event of interest to Masons. There are many here who recall with pleasure and profit the enriching service and and fellowship of previous occupiers of this high office in Winnipeg, and we have every reason to believe that that fine tradition will be continued. The one who has been recently enthroned in that office has demonstrated his resourceful and forward-looking and energetic leadership. Since he comes from Calgary, one might say that his ministry has been spiritually and socially creditable, and the dividends continue to accrue. We are happy to welcome him; we are signally honored by his presence here today, and it is my great pleasure to introduce to you, my brethren, His Grace, the Most Reverend the Lord Archbishop of Rupert's Land, whose address we await with enthusiasm.

Address by the Most Rev. L. R. Sherman, Archbishop of Rupert's Land:

I know that you are not wanting long speeches at a social gathering such as this. I take it that it is just an interlude; you are working hard elsewhere and in a gathering of this kind you have no time for work; it is well to have a pleasant interlude in your hard day's work.

I want to say two or three things to you, simply and briefly; I want to put before you a point of view. I may not strike sympathetic notes in your mind; I may be talking completely at random, but it is something I feel I would like to say. After all, if I can say it, I will be pleased, and that will be one person satisfied, anyway.

We are thinking in these days in terms of the time of looking forward; we are all thinking about what is coming; all thinking of what we would like to call "a brave new world"; all trying to map out certain lines, trying to project his or her thoughts in the future and form some idea of a better world. What is coming? How can we play our part? Yes, those organizations to which we belong—Church, Masonic, Educational, and so on—are looking towards the building of a better world, and the setting up of a better future; that is a common way of thinking today, and in addition to that we have been rather cursed—even long before the war—with a kind of rather indefinite idea of progress. We have been cursed with a kind of speed; as I saw someone express it in a book the other day: We have rather been chauffeurs driving fast cars on our way somewhere but with not very much thought about the goal or the end. Progress? Yes. But ask a man, "Progress whither?" and he has not always his answer ready. I don't think the answer need be definite, but there should be some thought about the end of the road.

Now those thoughts are in our minds today, and I want to ask you for these few minutes to turn right about; turn right about, and instead of looking forward, let us look backward; let us look backward.

Some of you men are fishermen; a lot of you men I am sure are campers, and men that like the open spaces, and the unplotted trail, and the place of quiet where you can get away from the rush of things. When a man is doing a thing like that, when he has parked his car off the road by the fishing ground, his whole progress becomes different. On your way there you are trying to get on; speed, progress, destination are in your thoughts; you are looking forward all the time. When you get there and get off your clothes and into your old flannel trousers or your bathing suit and make your way to the old swimming hole, your actions are entirely different and your progress from then on is not by looking forward; it is by looking backward. You know the place where a certain tree casts a shadow behind you; where a house is, that you went to before, and you know when you reach the old fishing-place where you caught a good one the last time. It is a different kind of progress and it is worth thinking about; the kind of progress we make, not by looking forward but by looking backward. If I might put it in more poetic language it is the "road to yesterday"—the road to yesterday which opens out into the pathway of tomorrow. I wonder how often you men think about that; that is what I want you to think about for a moment or two now—that road to yesterday; the kind of thing we have to look back at. Think of it for a moment with me; think of it in your own personal lives. Sitting beside every one of you men at this table today there is a boy; sitting beside every one of you and beside me. He is not your son overseas—God knows we would like to have him beside us; the boy I am thinking of is yourself. He is sitting beside you, every one of you, and it takes a pretty courageous man to be able to look back down that road to yesterday, and think of that boy and think of the things that were plotted out on that path—the spectres and the shadows. He is a courageous man who would not be afraid to face all those things that stand out in the past; and you remember how the road broke and how the detours came, and you remember how that boy grew up and became the man that you and I are today.

One of the words in the Book which you men revere, and which Masonry holds high I know, one of the great words is the word "Remember"; "my son remember." I hope you will not think I am impertinent, speaking as a stranger amongst you, if I commend to you during these days of shock and sorrow and heart-break—if I commend to you that Biblical injunction, "Remember." Go back over the road to yesterday; retrace your steps while they are retraceable, and see how the picture fits, and see how fitted you are to go forward. I believe that kind of thing is a magnificnt spring-board, filling us with thankfulness and reverence for the past, filling us often with shame—which is the basis often for good resolutions—so that we may go forward into this heritage of ours; because the heritage of the past leads into the heritage of the future, and that heritage is your destiny, and mine. Look back over the story of our country—you, like myself, I hope, try to be good Canadians—look back over the heritage of your country, over all Canada's possibilities today. We are building out in the West—and in a lot of other parts of Canada, but there particularly—we are building a great new highway connecting towns and oilfields and what not. Well, my friends, this whole Dominion of Canada that you and I inhabit is nothing but a highway. It is a new highway at that; it has not been finished long—this Canadian highway between the old world to the east and the far older world again to the west, where the very centre of the pathway of the world leads. And I believe that our opportunity and our destiny will best be seized and enjoyed and used by you and me if again we stop and look back and traverse that road to yesterday and see some of the things which open out on the pages of tomorrow. I place our Imperial connection as one of the great things of our national life. It should make us burn with a sense of patriotism to the throne and with pride in being members of a great Empire. Second—I say this, and I say it with full deliberation, and I put it only second: and that is the God-given opportunity that the past has brought to us—and I think we are only realizing it now—of the tremendous opportunity we have by being a sister nation, bound in ties of blood and democratic institutions, with our neighbor to the south, the United States of America. I can conceive of no task the future can lay upon humanity, in this North America, that cannot be solved by this great boundaryless tract which is the linking nationhood of Canada and the United States.

Third, I would remind you, as we look back over our past, of the great steps that have been taken towards our national unity. Only the other day, Confederation; really, what are seventy or eighty years in a nation's life?

Great problems are facing us today; look back over the problems that have been solved; think how this thing came to be; think how this ideal was born in the hearts and minds of our forefathers long ago; think how these other races came into our land; think of how we have welded them together in the wilderness and through all the privations of the pioneers. Think of these things; how Canada has grown and spread from east to west, and as we think back with thankfulness over those days, we will be better prepared to face the great problems that lie ahead in the realm of national unity. Think of the great strides in our democratic way of life. Think of the kind of thing we are fighting for—a way of life unregimented, a free and full way of life; think of these things that the past has enabled us to have. Think of the love we have for our great freedom-loving institutions, and I believe you will feel a far greater responsibility resting upon you to see that these things grow and increase in the days that lie ahead. Think of the steps that have been taken in something we all prize—our political independence; we want to be the servants of none; we have the right to make our own laws and rule our own destinies. Think of those struggles of bygone days; of the growth of our Parliamentary institutions; think of how we have gone on step by step. Treasure those things, and from a sense of those great achievements go forward into the future.

And may I say, Mr. Chairman and gentlemen (and I know I can), think also of the great Christian tradition—the great creative pattern which underlies all life; think of those things which go down deep into the springs of man's consciousness. Look back, take time; remember how God has led us through those years; remember how this life has opened out, so to speak, and then go forward into a full comprehension and understanding of the future. That is what I wanted to say: the backward look, the basis from which progress springs—the road to yesterday. As the open door of tomorrow, think of it; walk down it often. Read, mark, learn and inwardly digest those phases to our national life, that you may be enabled by a more understanding way to face those tasks that lie ahead; that is what I venture to say to you today.

I will close with a little story, just a legend, which tells that if a man will go into the churchyard of a great cathedral in Wales, which some of you will know—St. David's—and stand there where that great building is close by, and takes from the churchyard a clod of soil, and, carrying it to the brow of the hill, stands upon it—on the very sod you have dug from that cathedral churchyard, and looking over the broad waters of the Atlantic, gaze into the distance, the legend says that a man will see the City of the Fairies looming up in all its beauty, envisaged across the Atlantic waves—the vision of a land that is very far off.

Take your stand today, my friends and brothers—take your stand today upon those things that we have, those things we know, that come out of our great past.

Stand upon them, believe in them, trust them, and then look forward into the visoin of the new land, and then go forth to meet the shadowy future without fear, and with a manly heart.

Thanks for the Archbishop's Address
By R.W. Bro. George Miles (136).

Your Grace:

I was instructed by our President to thank you for your talk to us today, but I was so deeply interested and intent on listening to your words that I did not give any consideration as to the language to use in thanking you. The applause at the close of your address may have been just our natural politeness as Freemasons, but the rapt and keen attention to every word you uttered was our genuine appreciation of your talk today. We thank you.

Thanks on Behalf of the Visiting Masons
By R.W. Bro. Maurice Donovan (113).

Most Worshipful Sir, and Brethren:

It has so long been a custom at Grand Lodge for Masons from outside Winnipeg to be entertained at lunch that we take it rather for granted. In spite of that impression, we deeply appreciate the thought of the Masons of Winnipeg as expressed through their Past Masters' Association in entertaining the Masons attending Grand Lodge from outside the city. Here we have enjoyed the bountiful lunch; we have enjoyed the entertainment as given by our brothers and friends—Jack and Joe; and we have certainly enjoyed the instruction given to us by His Grace. Above all, I think, we have enjoyed the fellowship at this luncheon, where we have had an opportunity to visit and get acquainted, and, as has already been expressed, form a little closer contact between the City of Winnipeg and those Lodges lying outside it. So, sir, on behalf of Masons outside Winnipeg, I would tender a hearty vote of thanks to the Masons of Winnipeg through the Past Masters' Association.

Closed by singing the National Anthem.

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit to you for approval my report as your representative for the First Masonic District for the year 1942-43.

I appointed W. Bro. T. L. Dodsworth, of St. John's Lodge No. 4, as Secretary, and W. Bro. R. W. Campbell, of Northern Light Lodge No. 10, as Chaplain. These Brethren, with V.W. Bro. W. P. White, who was re-elected Treasurer, constituted the District Officers for the year.

In order that the various Sitting Masters become better acquainted and have an opportunity of assisting each other in solving their various problems, I arranged during the Fall season of 1942 to hold two supper meetings, to which all Sitting Masters were invited, together with various Grand Lodge Officers. These meetings were held at the Masonic Temple on September 11th, 1942, and on October 23rd, 1942. At these meetings I took up with the Sitting Masters different matters of interest to the District, and went into in some detail two matters in particular, namely: Firstly, the Declaration of Principles adopted by the Grand Lodge at its last annual Communication, that is, as to its object and what uses could be made of it; and secondly, the matter of the War Relief Fund of not less than Ten Thousand Dollars; and suggested that the various Masters have personal canvass of their respective Lodges conducted. I am of the opinion that these meetings were of great benefit to all concerned, as it brought together at one time all the Sitting Masters of this District, whose problems, generally speaking, were much the same, and gave an excellent opportunity for the interchange of ideas.

The same procedure was followed in 1943, after the new Masters were installed, with the same excellent results. These meetings were held at the Masonic Temple on January 15th, 1943, and on March 19th, 1943. In all cases we had supper together and then adjourned to the Red Room in the Temple, to transact the business of the meetings.

My official visits were made as follows:

Thursday, October 8th, 1942	Norwood No. 119
Monday, October 26th, 1942	Empire No. 127
Monday, November 16th	Ancient Landmark No. 3

Wednesday, November 18th	King Edward No. 93
Wednesday, January 6th	St. John's Lodge No. 4
Wednesday, January 13th	St. James No. 121
Thursday, January 21st	Northern Light No. 10
Tuesday, February 2nd	The Assiniboine No. 114
Wednesday, February 10th	Acacia No. 111
Tuesday, February 16th	Prince Rupert's No. 1
Monday, March 1st	Ionic No. 25

My official visit to St. James Lodge No. 121 was originally scheduled for Wednesday, November 11th, 1942, but due to the sudden death of W. Bro. McCallum, their esteemed Secretary, this meeting was cancelled and my official visit was changed to the date above. In addition to the death of W. Bro. McCallum, of St. James Lodge, there occurred during the year the death of W. Bro. A. J. Muir, the Sitting Master of Northern Light Lodge No. 10 for the year 1942. The death of both of these Brethren was a distinct loss to Masonry, not only in the First Masonic District, but throughout the whole Grand Lodge Jurisdiction.

On all of my official visits I was accompanied by a large number of Sitting Masters, Past Masters and other Grand Lodge officers, was always received with Grand Honors and given a hearty welcome. On every occasion I was assured of the very high esteem in which you were held by the respective Lodges, all of which was very evident. On many of my official visits I witnessed Degree Work, all of which was well exemplified, and when I did not witness Degree Work on my visit I arranged to visit the Lodges on other occasions when Degree Work was being exemplified. On the occasion of my official visit I gave to the Lodge a short Address on some appropriate Masonic subject. Throughout my term of office, and particularly on my official visits, I endeavored to interpret Grand Lodge to the various constituent Lodges. I explained to the Brethren the Declaration of Principles previously mentioned, and also on numerous occasions spoke on behalf of the War Relief Fund.

The District Meeting was held on November 7th, 1942, at Masonic Temple, and was well attended. I will not dwell on this Meeting at any length, as we were favored on that occasion by your presence, and all were inspired by your very excellent address.

In addition to many casual visits, I attended a number of special Lodge Meetings, such as Canadian Night at "The Assiniboine"; Past Master's Night at King Edward; Manitoba Night at St. John's, and others, all of which were very fine fixtures in the programmes of these Lodges.

Accompanied by the District Officers and many Sitting Masters of the First Maconic District, I was present at the meeting of the Twelfth Masonic District, and wish to congratulate R.W. Bro. George Florence on the success of his meeting.

Through the kind invitation of the Past Masters' Association I witnessed the Installed Masters' Degree conferred in a splendid manner by M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt, and later attended their annual Spring Meeting, which was productive of much thought and discussion.

Arrangements were made to hold a District Church Service, which took place at St. Paul's United Church, Winnipeg, on February 28th, 1943, at 11 a.m., the service being conducted by R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, Junior Grand Warden. I am happy to state that there was an excellent turn-out from the various Lodges, and would suggest that Divine Service be an annual affair.

Various matters of general interest to the First Masonic District and to Masonry in general arose during the course of the year. At the District Meeting held on June 3rd, 1942, just prior to my assuming office, a Resolution was presented dealing with the question of whether or not the Initiation fee should be lowered, which was referred to the incoming D.D.G.M. to deal with the matter. On my assumption of office I appointed a Committee, headed by R.W. Bro. A. V. Piggott, Immediate Past D.D.G.M., to deal with the matter. Arrangements were made to have the matter brought up and discussed in each Lodge in the District, and the report as finally submitted showed that none of the Lodges of the First Masonic District believed in the principle of reduction of Lodge fees. This report was submitted at the District Meeting held on November 7th, 1942, and was referred to the appropriate committee of Grand Lodge.

I wish to thank and pay tribute to the courtesy and kindness of our Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell, and M.W. Bro. Harry Woods, Grand Lodge Librarian, who at all times were ready and willing to give counsel, and in many other ways render assistance when called upon.

I desire also to place on record my hearty thanks to the District Officers; to V.W. Bro. W. P. White, Treasurer; W. Bro. T. L. Dodsworth, Secretary, and to W. Bro. R. W. Campbell, Chaplain—all of whom performed their duties in a very efficient and capable manner; to W. Bro. A. F. Boyle, who accompanied me on practically every visit, and who generally acted as Master of Ceremonies; and also to R.W. Bro. A. V. Piggott, Immediate Past D.D.G.M.; and also to the various Grand Lodge

Officers, Sitting Masters and Past Masters who accompanied me in such goodly numbers on my visits.

In conclusion, I wish to express to the Brethren of the First Masonic District deep gratitude for the great honor they have conferred upon me in electing me their D.D.G.M., and I wish to assure both you and them that it was a real pleasure to serve in that capacity during the year 1942-1943, and I acknowledge having received the fullest support and co-operation at all times.

Fraternally submitted,

K. R. KENNEDY,
D.D.G.M., First Masonic District.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

I made my first official visit to Union Lodge No. 108, Brookdale, on July 3. I witnessed the E.A. Degree, the work being done by the Master, W. Bro. McLeod.

On July 13th I visited Gladstone Lodge No. 11. I witnessed F.C. Degree on two Brethren, the work being done by W. Bro. Cawley, the Master being absent.

Then we held our District Meeting on October 2nd. We had a very interesting meeting in the afternoon. We had a splendid banquet, put on by the Masons' wives of St. Andrew's Lodge. Then in the evening the M.W.G.M., Bro. Fahrni, gave a splendid address. I think that District No. 2 should be very proud of M.W. Bro. Fahrni.

On October 8th I visited McCreary Lodge No. 133. I witnessed E.A. Degree, the work being done by several Brethren.

On October 13th I visited Neepawa Lodge No. 24. I witnessed the F.C. Degree, the work being done by the Master, W. Bro. Blackwell. This work was done in the York Rite, and was much enjoyed by the visiting Brethren.

On October 20th I visited Temple Lodge No. 49, MacGregor. I witnessed the M.M. Degree, the work being done by the Master and Bro. McKinnon.

On November 11th I visited Gothic Lodge No. 75, Austin, and witnessed the F.C. Degree, it just being an exemplication of the Degree, the work being done by the Master, W. Bro. Hall.

On November 16th I visited Assiniboine Lodge No. 7, Portage la Prairie. I witnessed the M.M. Degree, the work being done by the W.M. Bro. Grigg.

On November 17th I visited Carberry Lodge No. 29. I witnessed the E.A. Degree, the work being done by Bro. Davey and Bro. Froom.

On March 22nd I visited my Mother Lodge No. 116. I witnessed F.C. Degree, it being a mock degree, the work being done by the Master, W. Bro. J. J. Wells, assisted by Bro. G. W. Wells.

Gothic Lodge and St. Andrew's having no Degree work, all the rest progressing favorably.

On the whole, I have enjoyed myself in my term of office, and I hope I have been satisfactory to the District and the Grand Master.

Yours fraternally,

E. A. STRAIN,
D.D.G.M., Second Masonic District

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to present for your consideration and approval, my report on the condition of Freemasonry in the Third Masonic District during the term of my stewardship as D.D.G.M., which has just ended. First of all, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the Brethren of the Third Masonic District, and particularly my own Lodge—Wawanesa No. 67—for the honor conferred upon me in electing me to this high office; and to you, Most Worshipful Sir, in approving of their selection.

Upon assuming office I appointed R.W. Bro. C. L. Atkinson, District Secretary, and W. Bro. F. H. White, District Chaplain, both of whom are esteemed members of Wawanesa Lodge No. 67.

During the past year I received several invitations to attend special meetings and functions, both in and out of my own district. Despite the gasoline and tire rationing, I was privileged to attend the following:

June 23, 1942—Strathcona Lodge No. 117, when R.W. Bro. Cannon was presented with an Honorary Life Membership for long and faithful service to their Lodge.

June 26, 1942—Treherne Lodge No. 51, being the occasion of their 50th Anniversary.

July 16, 1942—Cypress Lodge No. 82: Special Emergent Meeting to confer M.M. Degree on one of their Brethren. Several visitors from Winnipeg Lodges, including three Past Grand Masters.

July 19, 1942—Divine Service at Rathwell Lodge No. 87, when R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, J.G.W., was the special guest speaker, who gave us a very fine sermon on Masonry.

Aug. 14, 1942—Sixth Masonic District Meeting at Minto, Man.

September 28, 1942—Fourth Masonic District Meeting at Cartwright, Man.

Our own District Meeting was held at Wawanesa on September 4th, 1942, when it was a real pleasure to welcome, along with yourself, several other Grand Lodge Officers in the persons of: R.W. Bros. Ben C. Parker, D.G.M.; Samuel Burland, S.G.W.; J. H. G. Russell, Grand Secretary; W. L Leppert, D.D.G.M. of Sixth Masonic District; Walter H. Newton, D.D.G.M. of Fourth Masonic District; M S. Donovan, P.D.D.G.M. of Seventh Masonic District; Harry Coddington, P.D.D.G.M. of First Masonic District, and Past Grand Master Wm. Fenwick, together with many visitors from outside points, among them being W. Bro. W. G. Corbett and R.W. Bro. S. F. Groome, of Stonewall Lodge No. 12, my old home town. These two brethren drove over 300 miles to attend our meeting.

At the afternoon session, reports from all Secretaries were presented and various topics of Masonic interest were freely discussed, chief of which was Life Membership. A splendid address on "The Religion of Masonry" was given by W. Bro. E. A. Syms, of Strathcona Lodge No. 117. All nine Lodges of District No. 3 were represented.

A Banquet at 6 p.m., provided by the ladies of the United Church, was held in the Church basement, at which the usual toasts and many fine speeches were made by several Grand Lodge Officers and other visitors.

Upon returning to the Lodge Room at 8.30 p.m., R.W. Bro. H. E. Mitchell introduced you, Most Worshipful Sir, to the Brethren, when you in turn made us all acquainted with the Grand Lodge Officers who accompanied you. The address of welcome was delivered by R.W. Bro. C. L. Atkinson, after which R.W. Bro. E. B. Litz, of Rathwell Lodge No. 87, was called to the East and presented with his P.D.D.G.M.'s Apron and Jewel by R.W. Bro. Ben C. Parker, D.G.M., who in his usual genial and impressive manner thanked Bro. Litz for his services to the Third Masonic District during his term of office last year. Bro. Litz fittingly replied.

The main feature of the evening session was centred in the splendid and inspiring address you then gave us. Many of the Brethren present voiced their appreciation, and one and all came away feeling that they had gained something which would be a real help to them in the days to come.

My official visits to the nine Lodges of the Third Masonic District were made as follows:

October 14, 1942	Holland No. 63
October 20, 1942	Rathwell No. 87
October 21, 1942	Crescent No. 103
October 23, 1942	Treherne No. 51
November 5, 1942	Cypress No. 82
November 10, 1942	Glenboro No. 48
November 16, 1942	Wawanesa No. 67
November 17, 1942	Strathcona No. 117
November 18, 1942	Swan Lake No. 109

Total mileage covered during the year, not counting trip to Annual Communication in Winnipeg last June, was 1,270 miles. In this connection I should like to thank the Wawanesa Brethren who offered their cars, and also those who accompanied me on the various visits.

I witnessed Degree work during my term at all but one Lodge. This particular Lodge was unable to exemplify any degree on the night of my visit, but at that meeting a petition for initiation was presented and they have since been at work.

It is very pleasing to note from the monthly notices of each Lodge that every one of the nine Lodges in the Third Masonic District has received new members. In fact, one Lodge has taken in nine candidates during the year. In our own Lodge we have taken in two, the first in over eight years. The total membership of the District as at December 31, 1942, was 361, which showed an increase of 14 over the previous year. This increase, I believe, is due entirely to the Declaration of Masonic Principles, sponsored last year by R.W. Bro. Ben C. Parker and his Committee. In all my visitations I suggested that this be freely shown to all suitable prospects, and the results so far are quite encouraging.

I was received at all Lodges visited, both official and otherwise, with the courtesy and respect due your representative. The warm welcome and fraternal goodwill extended by all the Brethren on these occasions will long be remembered by me, and is ample evidence that the spirit of Masonry is fully alive and working well in the Third Masonic District.

It is with deep regret that I relinquish this important office. The past year has afforded me many opportunities that I would never have experienced in any other way; and while I did not accomplish all that I had planned for, I will be ready and willing at all times to assist the cause for the betterment of Masonry in the future, to the best of my ability.

On behalf of the Brethren of the Third Masonic District, Most Worshipful Sir, may I thank you and all other Grand Lodge Officers for the many kindnesses shown us during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES D. HARROWER,
D.D.G.M. Third Masonic District.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

In submitting the account of my stewardship as your representative in the Fourth Masonic District, it affords me much gratification to be able to report a year of progress and harmony.

On assuming office I appointed W. Bro. H. D. Churchill, of Cartwright Lodge No. 150, as District Secretary, and W. Bro. P. A. Watts, District Chaplain. W. Bro. Churchill moved away from Cartwright soon after his appointment. I would like, Most Worshipful Sir, to take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks to R.W. Bro. J. C. Bate, who, in the absence of W. Bro. Churchill, came to my aid with his keen executive and moral support in filling the office of District Secretary.

In the performance of my duties I had the pleasure of visiting officially all of the seven Lodges in the District, and of making further fraternal visits to them all.

The dates of my official visits were as follows:

Mound No. 118	October 22, 1942
Doric No. 36	October 27, 1942
Killarney No. 50	November 16, 1942
Cartwright No. 150	November 17, 1942
Manitou No. 30	December 1, 1942
Morden No. 13	December 17, 1942
Crystal No. 71	May 11, 1943

At all these meetings I was received as befitting the incumbent of the office of District Deputy Grand Master, and can report that Masonic ideals and traditions are being faithfully upheld and that Masonry is a real force throughout the Fourth Masonic District.

I was fortunate in witnessing Degrees in each Lodge of the District. They were conferred in a manner that would not fail to make a lasting impression on the candidates, as well as on the members present. The solemnity of the occasion, and the evident desire on the part of the various Masters and Officers to impress the lessons taught in the Degrees deeply upon the minds of the candidates, rather than a mere display of ritual and floor work, is highly commendable and should be the objective at all times.

The annual District Meeting was held at Cartwright on Monday, September 28th, 1942. The attendance was good, when one considers the very busy season of the year for the farming brethren.

At the afternoon session your timely and instructive comments on the reports submitted by the Lodge Secretaries were well received, and I have reason to believe have borne fruit.

One of the pleasant items of the afternoon session was an address by the R.W. Bro. Rev. P. T. Pilkey, Junior Grand Warden. His remarks dealt chiefly with the possibilities of receiving new candidates, intimating that Masonry should be astir in the community and cause people to ask questions about the Order, and make them feel the desire to become a member. M.W. Bro. Harry Woods conducted a Lodge of Instruction, which was received with keen interest.

The guest speaker at the Banquet was R.W. Bro. John A. Storman, of Rolla, N.D., Lodge No. 66, and Grand Senior Deacon of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

At the evening session, I can assure you, Most Worshipful Sir, we listened with appreciation to your eloquent address. The thoughts expressed and counsel given, if applied individually, and practised by all men, the troubled times of today would quickly end.

I am very happy to report, Most Worshipful Sir, a few statistical items to bear out my confident belief that Masonry is in a very healthy, progressive state in the Fourth Masonic District. The membership at December 31, 1941, was 377, and on December 31, 1942, was 392, making an increase of 15. There has been a decrease of $238.50 in the total arrears. The Lodges are supporting the war effort by the purchase of War Bonds and War Savings Certificates, and each Lodge is contributing to a community venture or directly supplying comforts and cigarettes to the boys Overseas.

In conclusion, I wish to express my sincere thanks to the many Brethren of the different Lodges who have supported me with confidence and faith, and, in particular, R.W. Bro. Bate, who has given freely of his time and counsel.

I realize the high honor bestowed on me, and in all sincerity wish to express my thanks, and also for a pleasant year in which I have received much and given little, and I shall be indebted to Masonry the rest of my life.

Fraternally submitted,

W. H. NEWTON,
D.D.G.M. Fourth Masonic District.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth Masonic District, on the condition of Freemasonry.

In the performance of my duties I had the pleasure of visiting ten of the Lodges officially during July, August, September and October; the balance of the thirteen Lodges in this district I visited in May of this year.

It was almost impossible to complete my visits last year, owing to extreme weather conditions; also several Lodges were called off for the same reason and had to cancel meetings, and are just starting to hold their meetings regularly again. Harvest operations were badly delayed last Fall, and even now there still remains some to be completed. However, I visited some of the Lodges a second time.

R.W. Bro. C. C. MacLeod, D.D.G.M., Seventh Masonic District, invited me to be present at their district meeting, held on September 3rd, 1942, at Griswold. Very interesting addresses were delivered by the Grand Lodge Officers present, including Past Grand Master M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson. An interesting session was held in the afternoon and evening, with a banquet in between.

On September 24th, 1942, we held our District Meeting at Rapid City, with over ninety present. The Senior Warden, W. Bro. R. J. Matthewson, Worshipful Master of Corinthian No. 15, welcomed the brethren with a very fine address. The reports of the Secretaries of the various Lodges were received and discussed.

A resolution was presented from Strathclair Lodge, and spoken to by W. Bro. T. H. Morton, dealing with the time of closing of nominations for the Grand Lodge Offices. It proposed to have nominations made in March or April, so as to give the delegates to Grand Lodge Communication sufficient time to get acquainted with the merits of the nominees for the several offices, and thus enable them to ballot more intelligently.

The District Meeting was adjourned at 5.15 p.m., when the members of Corinthian Lodge No. 15 entertained the visitors to a complimentary luncheon in the basement of the United Church, and after the luncheon Bro. J. W. Rousell, Senior Warden, Corinthian No. 15, acted as toastmaster and called on various brethren, including the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Stanley H. Fahrni, Grand Junior Warden, R.W. Bro. Rev. P. T. Pilkey, R.W. Bros. Donovan and Evans from Brandon and R.W. Bro. C. C. MacLeod, D.D.G.M., Seventh Masonic District, etc., who all spoke fittingly to the occasion.

New Labor was resumed at 8.00 p.m., when a fine address was presented by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, which was deeply appreciated by the brethren. Tribute was also paid to the fraternal dead by the District Chaplain, Bro. Rev. W. R. Donogh, of Rivers Lodge, after the names of the departed brethren had been read out by a member of the Lodge who had suffered a loss.

M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson presented the D.D.G.M. regalia to Past D.D.G.M. R.W. Bro. George V. Henderson.

A collection was taken at this meeting, to be donated to the "Milk for Britain Fund," which realized over $26.00.

I was privileged to address the brethren at all the Lodges in my District, and convey the wishes and commands from the Grand Lodge, particularly in connection with the War Relief Fund, and also a questionnaire referring to making meetings more attractive. Nearly all Lodges organized for canvass to be made for the War Relief Fund when I was making my official visit. I also forwarded to all Lodges in the District two circular letters during the Winter with reference to this objective. The very late harvest and poor marketing conditions made it difficult in some cases, but most Lodges responded.

I was under the doctor's care for a time in November and December, but have pretty well recovered. In May I went to Russell, and remained there until I had finished my official visits at Shellmouth and Binscarth, and also visited Russell and Foxwarren a second time.

I found there is a revival among a lot of the Lodges in recent weeks, and some excellent young candidates have been received, and would say the condition of Freemasonry in the Fifth Masonic District is quite a lot improved over that of the past few years.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN T. SHANKS,
D.D.G.M. of the Fifth Masonic District.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor of presenting to you a report of my stewardship as District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth Masonic District.

First, may I be permitted to express to you my thanks and appreciation for the honor and privilege of serving as your representative during the past year.

The Annual District Meeting was held in Minto, August 14th, with 110 in attendance, all Lodges of the District being represented. The following Grand Lodge Officers were present:

Stanley H. Fahrni	Grand Master
J. H. G. Russell	Grand Secretary
E. J. Cresswell	Senior Grand Deacon
W. A. Bourns	Junior Grand Steward

During the afternoon session, the discussion of Problems Affecting Lodges brought out many good thoughts, which should be of much assistance. At 6.30 o'clock the usual banquet was served in the Minto Memorial Hall, by the ladies of the Minto Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

The evening session convened at 8 o'clock, when the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Stanley H. Fahrni and suite were introduced and accorded the Grand Honors. His very forceful and inspiring address, I am sure, will not be forgotten by those in attendance.

During this term I made the following visits:

July 7th—Unofficial visit to Hartney Lodge No. 52.

July 14th—Unofficial visit to Elgin Lodge No. 86.

August 6th—Unofficial visit to Napinka Lodge No. 77.

August 19th—Unofficial visit to Deloraine Lodge No. 40.

Sept. 3rd—Attended the Annual District Meeting and banquet of the Seventh Masonic District at Griswold.

Sept. 4th—Attended the Annual District Meeting and banquet of the Third Masonic District at Wawanesa.

Sept. 25th—Official visit to Glenwood Lodge No. 27 at Souris.

Sept. 28th—Attended the Annual District Meeting and banquet of the Fourth Masonic District at Cartwright.

Oct. 1st—Official visit to Napinka Lodge No. 77, at Napinka.

Oct. 8th—Official visit to Reston Lodge No. 104, at Reston.

Oct. 19th—Official visit to Oriental Lodge No. 54, at Melita.

Oct. 21st—Official visit to Deloraine Lodge No. 40, at Deloraine.

Nov. 1st—Officiated at the meeting of the Sixth Masonic District in Kilwinning Lodge rooms at Minto, and attended the Third Annual District Divine Service in the United Church, conducted by our District Secretary, W. Bro. Rev. J. B. Francis.

Nov. 3rd—Official visit to Hartney Lodge No. 52, at Hartney.

Nov. 9th—Official visit to Kilwinning Lodge No. 110, at Minto.

Nov. 10th—Official visit to Elgin Lodge No. 86, at Elgin.

May 28th—Visited Glenwood Lodge No. 27 at Souris, and presented a Fifty-Year Jewel to Bro. R. A. Pounder.

On all my visits I was received with the courtesy and respect due your representative. During these visits very little Degree work was exemplified, but during the winter all the Lodges in this District have received several candidates, which augurs well for Masonry in this Sixth Masonic District. The financial position of each Lodge has been forwarded you in a special report.

The Study Clubs in operation are active and doing a splendid work.

To me the year has been one filled with much pleasure, and I will always recall the many acts of kindness and courtesies extended to me by the Brethren. During my talks I endeavored to emphasize the duties of a Freemason as a citizen, and the necessity of applying our teachings to our everyday life.

To the Brethren of the Sixth Masonic District I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the honor accorded me in electing me to this high office. Owing to the restrictions placed on us, due to war conditions, I could not make as many visits, and do some of the things I wished; however, I have learned much, and feel that I have given very little, but hope that in some small way I have been of some service, and do not feel that with the expiry of my term of office, my obligations are ended; indeed, I feel that I have many duties and obligations to fulfill to this Masonic District, to my Community, and to Canada and the Empire.

In conclusion, I wish to pay special tribute to W. Bro. J. B. Francis, my Secretary, for his able support and time in accompanying me on all my visits; also R.W. Bro. E. J. Smillie and R.W. Bro. A. J. McMillan, who also accompanied me on many occasions.

Fraternally submitted,

C. L. LEPPERT,
District Deputy Grand Master Sixth Masonic District.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor of presenting to you a report of my stewardship as District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh Masonic District.

District meeting held Griswold, Man., Sept. 3rd, 1943, Lansdowne Lodge No. 107, outstanding success. One hundred and twenty-eight Masons attending; fourteen Lodges from other districts represented, including one Saskatchewan Lodge, and following Grand Lodge Officers in attendance:

M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni, Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Ben C. Parker, D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Sam Burland, S.G.W.
V.W. Bro. Cresswell.
P.G.M. M.W. Bro. Fenwick.
R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell, Grand Secretary.
R.W. Bro. Rev. Pilkey, J.G.W.
M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson.
P.D.D.G.M.'s R.W. Bros. Donovan, Cann, Ross, Cooper, Paul, Evans, Barter, Purdie of District No. 7, and Smillie of District No. 6.
D.D.G.M.'s R.W. Bro. Leppert, District No. 6; R.W. Bro. Shanks, District No. 5.

Afternoon session opened at 3.30 p.m.

Address of Welcome, by Bro. Mervin H. Ray, Reeve of the Municipality of Sifton, which was outstanding; as each Grand Lodge Officer spoke, he made special reference to the splendid address given by Bro. Ray.

W. Bro. McCorkindale, Elkhorn Lodge No. 54, selected by the meeting as candidate for the office of D.D.G.M. for the coming term of office, which will have to be verified at the Annual Communication in June.

V.W. Bro. Cresswell gave a paper on "The Landmarks of Masonry," and answering questions submitted by the various Lodges, in connection with the same.

The meeting then adjourned and repaired to the Town Hall, where a repast was held and a splendid programme enjoyed.

The evening session opened at 8.15 p.m., when the Grand Lodge Officers were received with usual honors.

The presentation of the Regalia to R.W. Bro. Barter, P.D.D.G.M., was made by R.W. Bro. Ben C. Parker, D.G.M.

The high light of the evening was the address delivered by M.W. the Grand Master, S. H. Fahrni, on "The Universality of Masonry."

R.W. Bro. Ross replied to same in a very fitting maner. All the other Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Lodge Officers gave short talks.

Official visits were as follows:

At Elkhorn Lodge No. 74, August 4th, 1942, I witnessed M.M. Degree.

Brandon No. 19, Oct. 13th, 1942. Three Brethren being passed.

Tweed No. 113, Oct. 20th, 1942. Three F.C. Degrees.

Lebanon No. 43, Nov. 3rd, 1942. One Brother proving up, after which I had the honor of presenting him with his M.M. Apron.

Oak Lake No. 44, Nov. 12th, 1942. No Degree work, but an outstanding feature of this meeting was the rare privilege extended to me of presenting to Past Master W. Bro. Robert Montgomery, a Past Master's Apron, which had originally belonged to his late father, W. Bro. Robert Montgomery, also a Past Master of Oak Lake Lodge. This was done in deference to the wish of the recipient that this Apron be used, rather than that a new one be purchased by the Lodge.

Lansdowne No. 107, Nov. 25th, 1942. The F.C. Degree was witnessed.

Composite Lodge No. 64, Nov. 19th, 1942. No Degree work.

The Brethren from Lansdowne Lodge turning out and accompanying me on each of my above visits averaged six brethren to a visit.

Unofficial visits:

Elkhorn Lodge No. 74, June 22nd, 1942. Second Degree.

Lebanon Lodge No. 43, May 5th and July 5th. First and Second Degrees.

Oak Lake Lodge No. 44, June meeting. No work.

Composite Lodge No. 64, May 21st, 1942. No work.

District meetings attended:

District No. 6, Minto, Man., Aug. 3rd, 1942., and District No. 5, Rapid City, Man., Sept. 24th, 1942, at both of which I was accompanied by several Brethren.

At all these meetings attended I was extended the privilege of addressing the Brethren, and endeavored to give my impression of the duties expected of Masons.

I also stressed the point that the District should get behind the Masonic War Relief Fund one hundred per cent, and also contribute to the Benevolent Fund.

The Masonic War Relief did not receive the support that should have been given it, averaging $1.10 per member for the District.

Tweed No. 113, average $1.58; Lansdowne No. 107, average $1.41, making the best showing per membership.

There seems to be a distinct falling off in interest in the various Lodges, by the older members, who have gone through the chairs, etc. This might be accounted for, due to the fact that a large number of the younger Masons have either moved from the District or gone into the services, and the smaller Lodges not having much work to put on.

Found that it was going to be almost impossible to make any visits during May and June, on account of gas restrictions.

I think it would be a good idea if Lodges of District No. 7, such as Tweed, and Brandon No. 19, could arrange to take some of their Degree work and put on in Lodges that have not been having any new members lately.

I would like to take this opportunity to convey my sincere thanks to R.W. Bro. Dr. F. K. Purdie, District Secretary, for the support he gave me during my term of office; and at the same time express my appreciation of the loyal support I received from all in District No. 7.

In closing, I would like to express my thanks for the honor the Seventh Masonic District has conferred on me.

I can assure you that I have tried to fill this office to the best of my ability. My association with the Craft in general during the last year will remain an unforgetable memory of a very full and pleasant year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Fraternally yours,

C. C. MacLEOD,
D.D.G.M. Seventh Masonic District.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

It is my honor as D.D.G.M. to submit the report on the work and activities of the Eighth Masonic District for the past year.

First let me express to you my thanks and appreciation for the honor of representing you.

During my term of office an official visit was made to each of the constituent Lodges in the District, as follows:

East Star No. 55	August 6th, 1942
Carman No. 155	October 20th, 1942
Penza No. 120	October 27th, 1942
King Solomon No. 8	November 10th, 1942
Shiloh No. 70	November 12th, 1942
Midlothian No. 90	November 16th, 1942
Emerson No. 6	November 18th, 1942
Patricia No. 125	December 2nd, 1942

During all these visits I was well received and favorably impressed with the way the meetings were conducted. I am sorry to report that under existing conditions I was able to make but very few official visits. I would like at this time to express my thanks to those members of Midlothian who accompanied me and gave their assistance during these visits, especially W. Bro. L. P. Bingham, District Secretary.

At all meetings I found that the Officers appeared to be very efficient, the opening and closing exercises being well exemplified. At only three meetings was Degree work exemplified, these being East Star No. 55, Carman No. 155 and Patricia No. 125.

The District meeting was held at Midlothian on September 23rd. Owing to the lateness of the season the attendance was not large, one of the Lodges of the District not being represented, this being Penza No. 120. Our afternoon session was opened by an address of welcome given by W. Bro. J. A. Kerr, of Midlothian, followed by reports from various Lodges dealing with the activities and conditions of the Lodges. Interesting addresses were then given by members of Grand Lodge, and general discussions carried on. The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m., and we proceeded to the church, where the ladies had prepared a splendid dinner, following which the usual toasts were given and responded to. The evening meeting was given over to addresses by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers.

During my official visits I spent most of my time on the war effort and a discussion of the Declaration of Principles. I believe that, considering the many calls being made on the brethren at the present time, the war effort must be considered a success.

Regarding the Church Service, this was held at Morris on October 11th, with a fair attendance. A very interesting address was delivered by R.W. Bro. Pilkey. Unfortunately, due to military duties, the District Chaplain, Bro. Henstock, of Carman, was unable to attend this service.

In conclusion, let me once more express my sincere thanks for the honor which you have bestowed upon me, in electing me to this high office, and for the many acts and expressions of goodwill which have been tendered to me during my term of office.

Fraternally yours,

W. A. DUNCAN,
D.D.G.M. Eighth Masonic District.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit to you my report on the condition of Freemasonry in the Ninth Masonic District during the past year.

In company with V.W. Bro. M. Snyder, who so kindly consented to act as my Secretary, I visited every Lodge in this district, officially. These visits were made as follows:

Prince Arthur Lodge No. 105—Regular meeting, Oct. 1st, 1942.
Favel Lodge No. 126—Regular meeting, Oct. 6th, 1942.
Victory Lodge No. 128—Special meeting, Oct. 7th, 1942.
Jubilee Lodge No. 147—Regular meeting, Oct. 8th, 1942.
Roblin Lodge No. 122—Regular meeting, Nov. 9th, 1942.
Hiram Lodge No. 94—Regular meeting, Nov. 19th, 1942.
Robbie Burns Lodge No. 100—Regular meeting, Feb. 10th, 1943.
Vermillion Lodge No. 68—Regular meeting, May 4th, 1943.

In every Lodge I was received with dignity and respect, and was accorded the honors due to the office of District Grand Master.

As stressed by Grand Lodge, I made special requests to have each Lodge, on my official visit, either confer or exemplify a Degree, to which they all complied, and the work at each Lodge was done very well, indeed, with perhaps one exception. This exception I have reported to you.

While all of the Lodges in the Ninth Masonic District have made progress during the past year, both as to increased membership and the general work of the Officers, which I have had pleasure in reporting from time to time, three in my opinion are outstanding, not only in securing new members but in general proficiency. I found that complete harmony and a very fine fraternal spirit exists throughout the district.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the many Brethren of the different Lodges, who so ably supported and accompanied me on my visits, official and otherwise, and particularly to the District Secretary for his help at all times.

In accepting this office, I had grave doubts and misgivings as to my ability to fulfil the duties connected therewith. I appreciate the high honor conferred on me, and wish to express my sincere thanks for this honor. I found the work not only interesting but profitable to me, and trust that I, in some small measure, have been of some service to the district and the Craft.

I would like to say to you, M.W. Grand Master Bro. Fahrni, and R.W. Grand Secretary Bro. Russell, that I am grateful for your assistance in this work, and wish my successor the same whole-hearted co-operation during 1943 that I have enjoyed during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY A. ALLEY,
D.D.G.M. Ninth Masonic District.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to present my report for the Tenth Masonic District as follows:—

The Annual District Meeting was held at "The Dormer", 245 Bronx Avenue, East Kildonan, on Friday, 23rd of October, 1942, at 8 p.m.

There were 67 representatives of eight Lodges present, with nine visitors. Lisgar Lodge No. 2 and Pine Falls Lodge No. 154 were not represented.

Kildonan and The Dormer Lodges collaborated in furnishing the entertainment and refreshments, and I also desire to express my appreciation of their courtesy in placing the building at the disposal of the District without charge.

The contribution made by you and your Officers in delivering inspiring and uplifting addresses made the meeting a success. R.W. Bro. Watson, my predecessor, being unable to attend this meeting to receive the P.D.D.G.M.'s Apron, I sincerely thank you for taking charge of the duty and presenting it personally at a regular meeting of Assiniboine Lodge No. 7.

My official visits were made in the following order:—

Pine Falls Lodge No. 154—Friday, September 11, 1942.
Manitouwapa Lodge No. 156—Tuesday, September 15, 1942.
Ophir Lodge No. 112—Friday, October 2, 1942.
Lisgar Lodge No. 2—Tuesday, October 20, 1942 .
Stonewall Lodge No. 12—Tuesday, November 17, 1942.
Transcona Lodge No. 123—Friday, February 5, 1943.
Dormer Lodge No. 151—Tuesday, March 2, 1943.
Seven Oaks Lodge No. 148—Friday, March 12, 1943.

On all visits I was cordially and hospitably received.

I particularly enjoyed my visits to the two Northern Lodges of the District, Pine Falls and Manitouwapa. Both these Lodges are progressing favorably.

At Ophir Lodge I witnessed the E.A. Degree conferred in a very creditable manner.

Lisgar No. 2, the oldest Lodge in the District, is carried on by the loyalty and devotion of a few. There were but 17 members present at the October regular meeting.

Stonewall No. 12 has a very cozy Lodge Hall, and 30 members and 35 visitors being present contributed to a very successful meeting. The manner in which the election of officers was carried out that evening showed a deep interest was taken by all present in the welfare of the Lodge.

Transcona No. 123 has enjoyed a progressive year, and on the occasion of my visit the Auditor's report was a very business-like and commendable one. This Lodge is showing signs of resurgence after the effects of the depression years.

On Tuesday, March 2nd, my visit to the Dormer Lodge No. 151 was marked as one of the most pleasant evenings of my year of office. I witnessed the E.A. Degree exemplified in a most exemplary manner.

Seven Oaks Lodge No. 148 had a very good attendance on the occasion of my official visit, and business was carried out which showed the Lodge members were taking a deep interest in its affairs. It was their Annual Past Master's night, and a very good meeting.

Owing to sudden illness of one of my near relatives, I was called out of Canada and was unable to return in time to make my official visit to Stony Mountain Lodge No. 134, and my own Lodge, Kildonan No. 131.

I thank you sincerely for granting my request that R.W. Bro. F. W. Brownell should assume my duties in visiting Stony Mountain Lodge No. 134, which he did at the regular meeting in May, finding their affairs in excellent order, and witnessing the M.M. Degree beautifully exemplified.

I left my official visit of my Lodge until the regular meeting in May, and regret very much the circumstances which interfered with making this particular visit. However, R.W. Bro. F. W .Brownell carried out this duty for me and reports a very fine meeting, the Past Masters of the Lodge exemplifying the F.C. Degree.

My attendance at all meetings of this Lodge held during 1942-43, until I was called away, enables me to say the present W.M. and Officers have never been excelled in this Lodge. I say this, knowing Kildonan has an excellent reputation for ritualistic work.

In conclusion, I desire to thank R.W. Bro. Brownell for his kindness in substituting for me, and also V.W. Bro. C. J. Nicholson for his co-operation as District Secretary, and W. Bro. W. Thompson for accompanying me on so many of my visits as District Chaplain.

The past year has been a memorable one for me. To all the officers of Lodges in the Tenth Masonic District I desire to express my thanks and appreciation for the kindly and warm reception tendered me, and for their confidence in placing such a great trust in me.

Their support in accompanying me on so many of my official visits is another debt to them for which I will always feel deeply grateful.

In closing, I desire to thank you for confirming my election to this high office.

Fraternally submitted,
H. WILSON,
D.D.G.M. Tenth Masonic District.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

During the year 1942-43 Freemasonry in the Twelfth Masonic District has lost nothing of its vigor and enthusiasm for the good life. Accessions to membership have kept the Officers and Past Masters of the various Lodges conferring Degrees at almost every meeting which I attended. The new membership, too, is marked by an increased proportion of younger men. The work of conferring Degrees is carried on with evident sincerity and a liberal measure of that solemnity without which Masonic ritual is all but meaningless. The general proficiency of the Junior Officers in Degree work gives promise of capable leadership in the Craft Lodges for some time to come.

The appeal for the Masonic War Relief Fund was well received, and in most Lodges of the District the response was both general and generous. As a rule success was best attained where the plan set out in the instructions issued by the Grand Lodge Committee was followed promptly. As had been foreseen by that Committee, the necessarily frequent appeals for funds as the season advanced made it increasingly difficult to solicit successfully. The difficulty was made greater by the fact that many Masonic brethren were active in presenting and soliciting in all the other appeals.

The Declaration of Principles appears to be meeting a long-felt need among the Freemasons of the District. The brevity and directness of its statements summarize the essential values of the Craft for the average member. This makes for clearer thinking upon the subject, and promises to facilitate a safe and satisfactory presentation of our objects to interested enquirers.

Our District meeting, on February 27, was the occasion of a stirring discussion of devices and practices which might increase the interest and effectiveness of regular Lodge meetings. The topic was introduced by W. Bro. F. H. Williams as a summary of the answers to the questionaire sent out by the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry. The candor with which the whole subject was presented and discussed indicates a genuine desire among officers and members to increase the effectiveness of Freemasonry among us.

Over two hundred brethren attended the Annual District Church Service in St. Paul's United Church on the morning of April 4th. It was an impressive service, honored by a challenging and inspiring address from R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, M.A., based on the text, "All Things Are Yours."

On all official visits an enthusiastic welcome to your official representative bespeaks the high respect in which the Grand Master is held in every Lodge of this District. Advantage was taken of the opportunities to address the brethren upon Masonic War Relief Fund and the Declaration of Principles. These were well received and often occasioned considerable discussion. I am very much indebted to the sitting Masters of the Lodges, both those of 1942 and those of 1943, who accompanied me on so many of these and of many unofficial visits. To many Past Masters of the District, too, I was grateful for their company and support on frequent fraternal visits.

Freemasonry in the Twelfth District sustained a serious loss this year in the death of our District Treasurer, W. Bro. J. C. Downie. For the continuing and completing of the financial duties of the District we are indebted to W. Bro. Nathan Rosthstein, a predecessor in the office. I am also deeply indebted to W. Bro. Eldon R. Siddall, who has ably filled the office of District Secretary. W. Bro. Dave Mackay, serving as District Chaplain, has been a valuable and loyal supporter of every District effort.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren of the Twelfth Masonic District for the high honor which they conferred upon me in electing me to the office of District Deputy Grand Master, and you, Sir, for your very kind concurrence in that election. It has been an enlightening and a heartening experience, I can assure you.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. FLORENCE,
D.D.G.M., Twelfth Masonic District.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS ELECTED AND APPOINTED FOR 1943-44

Grand Master	M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker (4)	Winnipeg
Deputy Grand Master	R.W. Bro. Samuel Burland (12)	St. Vital
Senior Grand Warden	R.W. Bro. Rev. P. T. Pilkey (25)	Winnipeg
Junior Grand Warden	R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (113)	Brandon
Grand Treasurer	R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3)	Winnipeg
Grand Secretary	R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell (114)	Winnipeg
Grand Chaplain	R.W. Bro. Rev. J.L.McInnis (114)	Winnipeg
Grand Historian	M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4)	Winnipeg
G.D. of Ceremonies	R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman (93)	Winnipeg
Grand Librarian	R.W. Bro. Rev. C. E. Somerset (2)	Selkirk
Senior Grand Deacon	V.W. Bro. O. L. Best (4)	Winnipeg
Junior Grand Deacon,	V.W. Bro. James Irwin (127)	Winnipeg
Senior Grand Steward,	V.W. Bro. Wilfred Lawson (139)	Winnipeg
Junior Grand Steward,	V.W. Bro. W. C. Miller (55)	Gretna
Grand Organist	V.W. Bro. J. J. Lyon (130)	Winnipeg
Grand Pursuivant	V.W. Bro. Alex. M. Brown (19)	Brandon
Grand Tyler	V.W. Bro. C. J. Last (3)	Winnipeg

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

1st Masonic District	R.W. Bro. F. N. Baxter (93)	Winnipeg
2nd Masonic District	R.W. Bro. M. E. Mackinnon (49)	Macgregor
3rd Masonic District	R.W. Bro. H. R. Bewes (103)	Elm Creek
4th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. R. W. Tuckwell (118)	Pilot Mound
5th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. W. E. Wiltsey (142)	Cardale
6th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. Fred Ford (40)	Deloraine
7th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. J. McCorkindale (74)	Elkhorn
8th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. G. E. Keyes (55)	Winnipeg
9th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. John Livesey (105)	Swan River
10th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. R. M. Muckle (2)	Clandeboye
12th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. David Griffith (138)	St. Vital

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BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

PRESIDENT:

R.W. Bro. Samuel Burland (12), Deputy Grand Master. .St. Vital

VICE-PRESIDENT:

R.W. Bro. Rev. P. T. Pilkey (25), Senior Grand Warden Winnipeg

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE:

M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (10), Past Grand Master. .Edmonton
M.W. Bro. James Scroggie (10), Past Grand Master. . . .Vancouver

M.W. Bro. E. M. Walker (10), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Wm. Fenwick (113), Past Grand Master	Brandon
M.W. Bro. H. E. Bletcher (1), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro E. T. Greenway (71), Past Grand Master	Crystal City
M.W. Bro. Albert J. Hatcher (19), Past Grand Master	The Pas
M.W. Bro. Geo. N. Jackson (25), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Justice W. J. Major (25), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Jas. S. MacEwing (51), Past Grand Master	Treherne
M.W. Bro. Albert L. Crossin (10), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Jabez Miller (25), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
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M.W. Bro. George Hunter (10), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
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M.W. Bro. David S. Woods (90), Past Grand Master	St. Vital
M.W. Bro. James Mackie (4), Past Grand Master	Victoria
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M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt (130), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (4), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd (140), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
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M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence (25), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson (102), Past Grand Master	Shoal Lake
M.W. Bro. Canon G. R. Calvert (1), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
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R.W. Bro. J. McCorkindale (74), D.D.G.M. 7th Masonic District	Elkhorn
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R.W. Bro. John Livesey (105) D.D.G.M. 9th Masonic District	Swan River
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R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70)	Roland
W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. H. M. Kerr (113)	Brandon
R.W. Bro. Wm. McLellan (114)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green (143)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. J. C. Grant (3)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter (111)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (113)	Brandon
W. Bro. R. E. Emmett (121)	St. James
R.W. Bro. G. E. Miles (136)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Hugh Mackenzie (140)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Tom Stockdale (145)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. F. W. Brownell (148)	Winnipeg

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In Memoriam

DEDICATED

TO

THE DISTINGUISHED DEAD OF

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GRAND LODGES

1942

Death of His Royal Highness, The Duke of Kent, Grand Master, United Grand Lodge of England

When we heard of the untimely and tragic death of His Royal Highness, the Duke of Kent, Grand Master of the Royal Grand Lodge of England, we were deeply grieved at the news, and the following message was cabled to the Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England:

"The Grand Master, Officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., learned with deep regret of the death, while on active service, of your M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. The Duke of Kent, and wish to express their profound sympathy."

(Signed) J. H. G. RUSSELL,
Grand Secretary.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND

Freemasons' Hall,
Gt. Queen Street,
London, W.C. 2,
September 9th, 1942.

Dear Right Worshipful Brother:

I have to thank you for your cablegram on behalf of the Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, conveying their deep regret at the terrible calamity which has brought sorrow to us all.

The loss of our Grand Master, H.R.H. The Duke of Kent, in such tragic circumstances has profoundly shocked every member of the Order, to whom His Royal Highness has endeared himself by his graciousness and understanding and his wise counsel will be sadly missed in future.

Grand Lodge much appreciates the kind thoughts of the brethren at this time.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

SYDNEY A. WHITE,
Grand Secretary.

R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell, Grand Secretary,
Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
Masonic Temple,
Winnipeg, Canada.

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

James Henry Pugh

Initiated in Morden (Belmont) Lodge No. 13, A.F. & A.M., Morden, Manitoba, on November 15th, 1888, Passed December 13th, 1888 and Raised January 17th, 1889; Master of the Lodge in 1894. Demitted January 10th, 1895 and Affiliated with Lebanon Lodge No. 43 on March 5th, 1895. Charter member of "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114, May 22nd, 1909. Affiliated with Tweed Lodge No. 113 on March 5th, 1914.

Grand Junior Deacon	1895
Grand Steward	1901
Junior Grand Warden	1905
Senior Grand Warden	1906
Deputy Grand Master	1907
Grand Master	1908

Born in Nova Scotia, May 27th, 1857	Died in Estevan, Saskatchewan November 4th, 1942

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

Newton Edmeston

Grand Steward, 1899
DIED
October 16th, 1942

William J. F. Robertson

Grand Organist, 1900-01
DIED
December 12th, 1942

William B. Muir

District Deputy Grand Master, 1901
DIED
April 19th, 1942

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

Edward O. Wheeler

Grand Pursuivant, 1901
DIED
January 26th, 1942

William Leslie

Grand Senior Deacon, 1925
DIED
December 23rd, 1942

Noble W. Bowes

District Deputy Grand Master, 1938
DIED
September 6th, 1942

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OF THE BELOVED BRETHREN WHO ARE

At Rest

Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Joselin, H. A.	Feb. 8th, 1942	Prince Rupert's	1
Briggs, J. W.	Feb. 11th, 1942	Prince Rupert's	1
McLean, H. J.	May 18th, 1942	Prince Rupert's	1
Heggs, C. W.	May 30th, 1942	Prince Rupert's	1
Campbell, A. M.	July 7th, 1942	Prince Rupert's	1
Murray, R. C.	July 25th, 1942	Prince Rupert's	1
Robertson, W. J. F.	Dec. 12th, 1942	Prince Rupert's	1
Gregory, J. O.	Dec. 31st, 1942	Prince Rupert's	1
Morrison, David	Jan. 5th, 1942	Lisgar	2
Wheeler, E. O.	Jan. 26th, 1942	Lisgar	2
Doyle, J. E.	July 15th, 1942	Lisgar	2
Jones, T. J.	July 22nd, 1942	Lisgar	2
Sigurdson, S. V. E.	July 29th, 1942	Lisgar	2
Berrisford, F.	Nov. 10th, 1942	Lisgar	2
Taylor, Chas.	Dec. 11th, 1942	Lisgar	2
Cross, J. F.	Mar. 10th, 1942	Ancient Landmark	3
McMillan, A. C.	April 6th, 1942	Ancient Landmark	3
Amies, A. G.	July 24th, 1942	Ancient Landmark	3
Rowland, R. S.	Nov. 22nd, 1942	Ancient Landmark	3
Beal, J. R.	Mar. 3rd, 1942	St. John's	4
Sandison, H.	May 1st, 1942	St. John's	4
Spencer, H. S.	May 14th, 1942	St. John's	4
Kuntz, P. P.	Oct. 18th, 1942	St. John's	4
Brady, Thos.	Nov. 1st, 1942	St. John's	4
Anderson, Wm.	Nov. 21st, 1942	St. John's	4
Cumming, J. C.	Nov. 22nd, 1942	St. John's	4
Wilson, W. J. R.	Dec. 30th, 1942	St. John's	4
Lofthouse, C. B.	Jan. 3rd, 1942	Emerson	6
McKillop, O. W.	Jan. 4th, 1942	Assiniboine	7
Newman, F. L.	Jan. 8th, 1942	Assiniboine	7
Schiedel, J.	Nov. 12th, 1942	Assiniboine	7
Sanders, H. W.	Feb. 13th, 1942	King Solomon	8
Last, F. J.	Sept. 13th, 1942	King Solomon	8
Clubb, Jas.	Oct. 7th, 1942	King Solomon	8
Glover, W .A.	Feb. 5th, 1942	Northern Light	10

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Curry, B. J.	April 7th, 1942	Northern Light	10
Nichol, R. R.	Sept. 21st, 1942	Northern Light	10
Lee, Gordon	May 18th, 1942	Gladstone	11
Fahrni, Ross P.	Aug. 19th, 1942	Gladstone	11
Hubble, H. E.	Sept. 16th, 1942	Gladstone	11
Walton, B.	Mar. 20th, 1942	Stonewall	12
Malofie, Dan.	June 1942	Stonewall	12
Martin, B. L.	June 6th, 1942	Morden	13
Everson, C. C.	July 10th, 1942	Morden	13
Colley, R. C.	Feb. 10th, 1942	Prince of Wales	14
Ripley, H. J.	Mar. 14th, 1942	Prince of Wales	14
Meadows, W. H.	Sept. 5th, 1942	Corinthian	15
Parrett, Geo.	Apr. 14th, 1942	Brandon	19
Jeffery, A. P.	June 26th, 1942	Brandon	19
Parkin, J. F.	Aug. 27th, 1942	Brandon	19
Ferrier, Geo.	Sept. 23rd, 1942	Brandon	19
Young, Wm.	Jan. 2nd, 1942	Neepawa	24
Edmeston, N.	Oct. 16th, 1942	Neepawa	24
Lee, John	Feb. 10th, 1942	Ionic	25
Armstrong, Wm.	Feb. 27th, 1942	Ionic	25
McLeod, Byron	Mar. 4th, 1942	Ionic	25
Shaw, J. W.	Mar. 16th, 1942	Ionic	25
Gibben, Will	Apr. 1st, 1942	Ionic	25
Rose, J. R.	Apr. 19th, 1942	Ionic	25
Blackwood, J.	June 5th, 1942	Ionic	25
Edwards, H. J.	July 7th, 1942	Ionic	25
Archibald, F.	Aug. 11th, 1942	Ionic	25
Gray, A. G.	Sept. 5th, 1942	Ionic	25
Stewart, C.	Oct. 18th, 1942	Ionic	25
McNair, H. J.	Nov. 6th, 1942	Ionic	25
McShane, W. C.	Dec. 22nd, 1942	Glenwood	27
Neilson, J. M.	Sept. 15th, 1942	Carberry	29
Sharpley, A. C.	Oct. 26th, 1942	Carberry	29
Sharpe, W. H.	Apr. 19th, 1942	Manitou	30
Latimer, R. A.	Jan. 30th, 1942	Doric	36

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Tilley, J. A.	Nov. 21st, 1942	Doric	36
Gardiner, W. E.	Nov. 24th, 1942	Doric	36
Beirnes, N. T.	Feb. 17th, 1942	Birtle	39
Birnie, Geo.	July 17th, 1942	Birtle	39
McGregor, A.	Mar. 30th, 1942	Deloraine	40
Ashmore, G. R.	Apr. 11th, 1942	Deloraine	40
Chalmers, J. H.	Sept. 1st, 1942	Lebanon	43
Ross, A. E.	Sept. 20th, 1942	Lebanon	43
Rittenhouse, F.	June 1st, 1942	Treherne	51
Haskill, E.	Aug. 27th, 1942	Treherne	51
Muir, W. B.	Apr 19th, 1942	Hartney	52
Leslie, Wm.	Dec. 23rd, 1942	Oriental	54
Robertson, W. M.	Mar. 7th, 1942	East Star	55
Denby, Chas.	Feb. 21st, 1942	Vermillion	68
Watson, Jas.	Mar. 1st, 1942	Vermillion	68
Thomas, A.	Sept. 29th, 1942	Vermillion	68
Swain, W. E.	May 10th, 1942	Shiloh	70
Cameron, A.	July 29th, 1942	Shiloh	70
Morris, B. E.	Feb. 21st, 1942	Gothic	75
Ham, M.	June 12th, 1942	Gothic	75
Bodkin, F. G.	Nov. 3rd, 1942	Napinka	77
Finlay, J. C.	Nov. 20th, 1942	Napinka	77
Mitchell, T. H.	Jan. 8th, 1942	Hamiota	84
Currie, N. McL.	Mar. 17th, 1942	Hamiota	84
Orrock, S. J.	Apr. 16th, 1942	Rathwell	87
Cole, Wm. O.	Nov. 11th, 1942	Midlothian	90
Fleming, D.	July 6th, 1942	Shoal Lake	92
Rodgers, G. T.	Aug. 14th, 1942	King Edward	93
Badger, T. W.	Dec. 9th, 1942	King Edward	93
Palk, L. T. P.	Dec. 20th, 1942	King Edward	93
Bowes, N. W.	Sept. 6th, 1942	Hiram	94
Chambers, W. A.	Nov. 6th, 1942	Hiram	94
Sinclair, E.	Jan. 5th, 1941	Miniota	102
Mose, Wm.	Apr. 28th, 1942	Crescent	103
Logan, Wm.	Aug. 18th, 1942	Crescent	103

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Chrisp, Wm.	May 22nd, 1942	Reston	104
McIntosh, A.	Feb. 14th, 1942	Lansdowne	107
Lynn, W. R.	Apr. 20th, 1942	Lansdowne	107
Jeanes, R. T. Q.	July 18th, 1942	Acacia	111
Colbert, W. H.	Nov. 2nd, 1942	Acacia	111
Winter, F.	Feb. 8th, 1942	Tweed	113
Yaeger, G. B.	Mar. 25th, 1942	Tweed	113
Smyth, D.	Aug. 25th, 1942	Tweed	113
Stanley, R.	Aug. 29th, 1942	Tweed	113
Barton, F. W.	Sept. 17th, 1942	Tweed	113
Thomas, O. A.	Oct. 8th, 1942	Tweed	113
Lavin, T.	Jan. 4th, 1942	"The Assiniboine"	114
Stovel, G. A.	Mar. 15th, 1942	"The Assiniboine"	114
Jardine, A. H.	Mar. 30th, 1942	"The Assiniboine"	114
Manning, G. J.	May 2nd, 1942	"The Assiniboine"	114
Laing, K. S.	June 3rd, 1942	"The Assiniboine"	114
Thompson, J. A.	June 18th, 1942	"The Assiniboine"	114
Milner, W. E.	July 1st, 1942	"The Assiniboine"	114
Shepherd, P. C.	July 2nd, 1942	"The Assiniboine"	114
McEachern, J.	Aug. 1st, 1942	"The Assiniboine"	114
Brooking, A. I.	Sept. 19th, 1942	"The Assiniboine"	114
Carson, W. J.	Nov. 9th, 1942	"The Assiniboine"	114
McRae, P. R.	June 17th, 1942	St. Andrew's	116
Walton, J. W. M.	May 2nd, 1942	Mound	118
Desjardine, J. H.	June 8th, 1942	Mound	118
Mayne, E. H.	Nov. 9th, 1942	Mound	118
Wilson, W. J.	Mar. 13th, 1942	Norwood	119
Musty, Thos.	Aug. 17th, 1942	Norwood	119
McCallum, J. C.	Nov. 11th, 1942	St. James	121
Banning, R. E.	Oct. 30th, 1941	The Pas	124
Hayes, Wm.	Apr. 23rd, 1942	The Pas	124
Stitt, B. M.	Mar. 21st, 1942	The Pas	124
Gilhooly, H.	Oct. 4th, 1942	Shellmouth	129
Gault, W. J.	Apr. 26th, 1942	Fort Garry	130
McLean, J. R.	May 27th, 1942	McCreary	133

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Brown, J.	Jan. 1942	Capitol	136
Rankine, W. J.	May 24th, 1942	Capitol	136
Downie, J. C.	Dec. 25th, 1942	Capitol	136
Bonnet, A. J.	Mar. 3rd, 1942	Lord Selkirk	137
Ormiston, J. B.	July 31st, 1942	Windsor	138
Davy, A. W.	Dec. 24th, 1942	Windsor	138
Davidson, J. H. S.	Apr. 28th, 1942	Beaver	139
Ham, R. C.	June 26th, 1942	Beaver	139
Munro, R.	Mar. 23rd, 1942	Beaver	139
Studd, G. T.	Aug. 27th, 1942	Beaver	139
Keena, E.	Apr. 30th, 1942	Meridian	140
Brady, Thos.	Nov. 2nd, 1942	Meridian	140
Bulloch, W.	Jan. 11th, 1942	Tuscan	141
Somers, M.	Dec. 5th, 1942	Tuscan	141
Schachter, H.	Jan. 12th, 1942	Mt. Sinai	143
Rodin, S.	June 29th, 1942	Mt. Sinai	143
Olson, S. G.	Feb. 24th, 1942	Fort Osborne	144
Regelous, C. W.	Apr. 13th, 1942	Fort Osborne	144
Wright, P. V.	July 20th, 1942	Fidelity	146
Vickery, E. J.	Oct. 2nd, 1942	Fidelity	146
McGregor, R. R.	June 19th, 1942	Cartwright	150
Wallace, Jas.	Dec. 3rd, 1942	Cartwright	150
Downie, D. H.	Mar. 20th, 1942	Flin Flon	153
Bradley, S.	Oct. 2nd, 1942	Flin Flon	153
Elford, F.	May 6th, 1942	Carman	155
McClure, Gavin	May 21st, 1942	Carman	155
Smith, Alex. L.	Aug. 18th, 1942	Carman	155
McIver, Malcolm	Oct. 24th, 1942	Carman	155
Garson, W. R.	Mar. 1st, 1942	Manitouwapa	156
Gelmon, Thos.	Oct. 16th, 1942	Manitouwapa	156

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Barclay, Jas.	Oct. 20th, 1942	Prince Rupert's	1
Stanford, G. F.	Dec. 15th, 1942	Prince Rupert's	1
Greene, J. H.	Dec. 31st, 1942	Prince Rupert's	1
Carnahan, A. P.	Dec. 31st, 1942	Prince Rupert's	1
Hart, W. H.	Apr. 21st, 1942	Lisgar	2
Henderson, H. P.	Mar. 16th, 1942	Ancient Landmark	3
Lindsay, Thos.	Dec. 21st, 1942	Ancient Landmark	3
Stebbing, J. O.	Dec. 21st, 1942	Ancient Landmark	3
Jackson, W. E.	Oct. 7th, 1942	St. John's	4
Stockdale, H., Jr.	Dec. 2nd, 1942	St. John's	4
McIntosh, F. B.	Mar. 19th, 1942	Emerson	6
McDonald, D. J.	Jan. 19th, 1942	Assiniboine	7
Minielly, E. G.	Dec. 22nd, 1942	Assiniboine	7
Juniper, K.	Dec. 31st, 1942	Assiniboine	7
Howden, R. J.	Sept. 17th, 1942	Northern Night	10
Colwell, C. E.	Nov. 19th, 1942	Northern Night	10
Lewis, L. L.	Dec. 17th, 1942	Northern Night	10
Francis, R. H.	Jan. 20th, 1942	Stonewall	12
Chandler, W. J.	July 21st, 1942	Stonewall	12
Scott, D. L.	Dec. 17th, 1942	Morden	13
Erlandson, O. N.	Dec. 31st, 1942	Prince of Wales	14
Smith, A. E.	Feb. 3rd, 1942	Corinthian	15
Taylor, B. H.	Nov. 10th, 1942	Brandon	19
Berger, L.	Dec. 19th, 1942	Neepawa	24
Newell, T. H.	Dec. 27th, 1942	Neepawa	24
Mathieson, W. S.	Dec. 31st, 1942	Ionic	25
Thorlaksson, S. O.	Dec. 31st, 1942	Ionic	25
Wilson, C. E.	Dec. 31st, 1942	Ionic	25
Venables, C.	Dec. 31st, 1942	Ionic	25
Racey, R. R.	Dec. 31st, 1942	Ionic	25
Sankey, E. M.	Dec. 28th, 1942	Doric	36
Knowles, W. C.	Nov. 17th, 1942	Birtle	39
Adams, L. J.	Jan. 8th, 1942	Oak Lake	44
Elliott, E. G.	Oct. 20th, 1942	Temple	49
Vidnes, H. A.	Nov. 17th, 1942	Temple	49
Smith, G. E.	Dec. 15th, 1942	Temple	49
Schnarr, W. W.	Dec. 31st, 1942	Killarney	50
McKenzie, C. H.	Mar. 3rd, 1942	Hartney	52
Flett, L. M.	Dec. 3rd, 1942	Oriental	54

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Graham, M. E.	Dec. 8th, 1942	Russell	62
Calder, A.	Dec. 31st, 1942	Russell	62
Ferguson, L.	Jan. 14th, 1942	Holland	63
Zachary, Thos.	Jan. 14th, 1942	Holland	63
Saunderson, B.	Mar. 3rd, 1942	Vermillion	68
Begbie, J. D. F.	Dec. 31st, 1942	Vermillion	68
Carmichael, P. W.	Dec. 31st, 1942	Vermillion	68
Fraser, Geo.	Dec. 31st, 1942	Vermillion	68
Matheson, Thos.	Dec. 31st, 1942	Vermillion	68
Horn, M. J.	Dec. 10th, 1942	Shiloh	70
Wellwood, J. E.	Jan. 26th, 1942	Elkhorn	74
Suttus, Len.	Aug. 24th, 1942	Elkhorn	74
Dodge, L. W.	Dec. 28th, 1942	Elkhorn	74
Booth, K. A.	Jan. 14th, 1942	Gothic	75
Walker, E. J.	Jan. 14th, 1942	Gothic	75
Regilaws, A.	Jan. 14th, 1942	Gothic	75
Baskier, E. J. G.	Jan. 8th, 1942	Napinka	77
Patmore, F. S.	Jan. 8th, 1942	Napinka	77
Baker, P. C.	Dec. 31st, 1942	Napinka	77
Campbell, A. B.	Sept. 21st, 1942	Hamiota	84
Rutherford, S.	Nov. 24th, 1942	Hamiota	84
Ross, G. D.	Jan. 13th, 1942	Elgin	86
Conlin, T. D.	Apr. 28th, 1942	Rathwell	87
Cormack, S. T.	Mar. 18th, 1942	King Edward	93
Greenfield, J. E.	Mar. 18th, 1942	King Edward	93
Wanag, J. L.	May 15th, 1942	King Edward	93
Hobbs, H. I.	Dec. 31st, 1942	Robbie Burns	93
Woods, B. S.	Oct. 22nd, 1942	Miniota	102
Bowman, F.	Dec. 17th, 1942	Miniota	102
Anderson, E. W.	Dec. 16th, 1942	Crescent	103
Dayton, S. H.	Nov. 12th, 1942	Reston	104
Chapman, G. H.	Dec. 10th, 1942	Reston	104
Newton, H. L.	Dec. 10th, 1942	Reston	104
Babb, R. H.	Jan. 1st, 1942	Prince Arthur	105
Rowell, J. M.	Apr. 27th, 1942	Prince Arthur	105
Aitchison, H. J.	Sept. 21st, 1942	Strathclair	106
Somersall, O. F.	June 12th, 1942	Kilwinning	110
Wallace, J. M.	Jan. 14th, 1942	Acacia	111
Williams, A.	Sept. 11th, 1942	Tweed	113

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Dinning, G.	Dec. 15th, 1942	Tweed	113
Campbell, J. S.	Nov. 3rd, 1942	"The Assiniboine"	114
Fleming, W. I.	Nov. 3rd, 1942	"The Assiniboine"	114
Hill, C. A.	Dec. 31st, 1942	"The Assiniboine"	114
Moore, R. H.	Dec. 31st, 1942	"The Assiniboine"	114
Allen, Wm.	Dec. 28th, 1942	St. Andrews	116
Goddard, R.	Oct. 8th, 1942	Norwood	119
Warkentin, B.	Apr. 13th, 1942	Roblin	122
Foster, W. G.	Nov. 6th, 1942	Transcona	123
Parsons, Eli	Dec. 4th, 1942	Transcona	123
Cole, L.	Apr. 2nd, 1942	The Pas	124
Pratt, G. H.	Jan. 1942	Favel	126
Pridham, J. C.	June 2nd, 1942	Favel	126
Holmes, G. H.	Dec. 31st, 1942	Favel	126
Douglas, N. H.	Nov. 9th, 1942	Empire	127
Ward, W. B.	Dec. 14th, 1942	Empire	127
Hanley, R. A.	Dec. 16th, 1942	Victory	128
Rice, W. H.	Dec. 16th, 1942	Victory	128
Walker, J.	Sept. 13th, 1942	Fort Garry	130
McGiffin, O. B.	May 6th, 1942	Stony Mountain	134
Smith, E. E.	Mar. 6th, 1942	Capitol	136
Denyer, C. E.	Dec. 4th, 1942	Capitol	136
Green, Wm.	Dec. 4th, 1942	Capitol	136
Ubsdell, W. H.	Dec. 4th, 1942	Capitol	136
Renouf, F. E.	Dec. 9th, 1942	Lord Selkirk	137
Simms, E. F.	Dec. 9th, 1942	Lord Selkirk	137
Hunt, F. J.	July 12th, 1942	Windsor	138
Wright, A. J.	Oct. 31st, 1942	Windsor	138
Govier, H. E.	Dec. 30th, 1942	Windsor	138
Jackson, L. D.	Dec. 30th, 1942	Windsor	138
Caulder, J. A.	Mar. 19th, 1942	Meridian	140
Glazebrook, J.	Nov. 19th, 1942	Meridian	140
Parr, H. H.	Dec. 17th, 1942	Meridian	140
Hurwits, I. I.	Jan. 22nd, 1942	Mt. Sinai	143
Katz, S. F.	Jan. 22nd, 1942	Mt. Sinai	143
Calder, W. E.	Nov. 2nd, 1942	Sturgeon Creek	145
Manson, F. J.	Feb. 20th, 1942	Fidelity	146
Hutchings, R. R.	Dec. 18th, 1942	Fidelity	146
Holden, C. K.	Dec. 31st, 1942	Fidelity	146

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Nightingale, J. L. P.	Nov. 13th, 1942	Seven Oaks	148
Gibson, G.	Dec. 31st, 1942	Seven Oaks	148
Hardy, W. H.	Dec. 16th, 1942	Cartwright	150
Henwood, G. E.	Dec. 23rd, 1942	Cartwright	150
Drew, G. H.	Nov. 3rd, 1942	The Dormer	151
McMillan, G. G.	Dec. 31st, 1942	The Dormer	151
Cross, G. F.	Dec. 1st, 1942	Flin Flon	153
Laing, A. A. B.	Dec. 1st, 1942	Flin Flon	153
Dalgety, J. A.	Oct. 26th. 1942	Manitouwapa	156

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When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Grand Senior Wardens	Grand Junior Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1875	*Rev. W. C. Clarke	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy	*Jas. Henderson	*S. L. Bedson	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*John H. Bell	*H. T. Champion	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1876	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy	*Jas Henderson	*S. L. Bedson	*G. F. Newcomb	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Jno. W. Harris	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1877	*G. F. Newcomb	*Jas Henderson	*Jno. W. Harris	*E. G. Conklin	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson
1878	*G. F. Newcomb	*Jno. W. Harris	*Simon Duffin	*F. T. Bradley	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1879	*Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson	*Jno. W. Harris	*Simon Duffin	*R. McCuaig	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*James Munroe	*Rev. James Flett
1880	*John H. Bell	*E. G. Conklin	*Hon. G. McMicken	*J. M. McGregor	†J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1881	*John H. Bell	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. B. Murray	*C. F. Forrest	†J. J. Johnston	*Jas. Henderson	*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1882	*John H. Bell	*Wm. G. Scott	*Alfred Pearson	*C. F. Forrest	†J. J. Johnston		*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1883	*John H. Bell	*D. B. Murray	*R McCuaig	†John Smith	†J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. Young	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1884	*John H. Bell	*C. F. Forrest	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood	†N. J. Lindsay	†J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	†Wm. Simpson	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1885	*C. F. Forrest	*Alfred Pearson	*Peter McGregor	†Thos. Colins	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. W. H. Wilson	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood
1886	*Alfred Pearson	*Peter McGregor	*J. W. H. Wilson	*J. K. Brydon	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Wm. G. Bell	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1887	*Thomas Clark	†John A. Kerr	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Jas. S. Greig	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1888	*Thomas Clark	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	R. C. Brown	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†Joseph Daniel	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1889	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara	*Wm. G. Bell	*Thos. L. Morton	†Thos. McPherson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*James A. Payne	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding
1890	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	†Thos. McPherson	*Fred L. Newman	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*R. W. Woodroofe	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding
1891	*Wm. G. Bell	*J. W. H. Wilson	*Rich'd D. Foley	*John Leslie	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*James G. Dagg	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1892	*J. W. H. Wilson	*D. J. Goggin	*F. G. Lewin	*Thos. Robinson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Wm. A. Windatt	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1893	*D. J. Goggin	*Thos. Robinson	*Thomas Tweed	*Corbet Locke	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. H. Munson	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1894	*Thomas Tweed	*Charles N. Bell	*Corbet Locke	*Hugh U. Bain	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†Rev. A. W. F. Cooper	*Rev. C. B. Pitblado
1895	*Charles N. Bell	*Corbet Locke	*John Leslie	*Geo. B. Murphy	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*John Chambers	*Rev. C. B. Pitblado
1896	*Corbet Locke	*John Leslie	*Fred L. Newman	†F. T. English	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†C. N. Mitchell	Rev. J. W. Matheson
1897	*Thomas Robinson	*Geo. B. Murphy	*Rev. Wm. J.	†Wm. Crawford	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. O. Smith	*Rev. A.

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1898	*Geo. B. Murphy.	*H. J. Eberts....	*R. S. Thornton	*Wm. A. Windatt	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott....	†Edgar W. Rugg.	†Rev. C. R. Littler
1899	*John Leslie	*R. S. Thornton..	*W. A. Windatt..	*S. B. Jamieson..	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott....	†J. A. Sutherland.	†Rev. J. W. Muirhead
1900	*R. S. Thornton..	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton	Wm. Fenwick ...	*R. Hill Myers..	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas...	†E. A. Braithwaite.	*Rev. A. B. Baird
1901	*R. S. Thornton..	*R. Hill Myers....	†E. A. Braithwaite.	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas..	*James M. Suttie.	*Rev. A. B. Baird
1902	*R. Hill Myers...	†E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm.	*Geo. W. Baker..	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas...	†Geo. H. Webster.	†Rev. Geo. H. Webb
1903	†E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Wm. G. Scott..	*H. H. Campkin ..	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas...	*R. P. Crookshank.	†Rev. Geo. H. Webb
1904	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Wm. G. Scott..	*H. H. Campkin ..	†James Scroggie .	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas...	†O. E. S. Whiteside	Rev. John Wells
1905	*Wm. G. Scott...	*H. H. Campkin ..	†James Scroggie ..	*Henry J. Pugh...	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas...	*John R. Grant...	†Rev. Geo. H. Hogbin
1906	*John McKechnie.	†James Scroggie ..	*Henry J. Pugh...	*James D. Baine..	*T. Harry Webb..	*James A. Ovas...	*Arthur H. Smith	*Rev. Jas. L. Gordon
1907	†James Scroggie ..	*Henry J. Pugh...	*James D. Baine.	*John Wemyss ...	*T. Harry Webb..	*James A. Ovas...	*Robert Magness ..	*Rev. Jas. L. Gordon
1908	*Henry J. Pugh...	*James D. Baine.	*John Wemyss ...	*Wm. Chambers ..	*T. Harry Webb..	*James A. Ovas...	*A. N. Macpherson	Rev. Thos. Neville
1909	*James D. Baine..	*Geo. W. Baker...	*John Wemyss ...	*Wm. Chambers .	*T. Harry Webb..	*James A. Ovas...	*Joseph Greenfield.	*Rev. Wm. Robertson
1910	*Geo. W. Baker..	*John Wemyss ..	*Wm. Chambers .	Ed. M. Walker...	*T. Harry Webb..	*James A. Ovas...	*Jas. E. Maynard..	*Rev. Wm. Robertson
1911	*John Wemyss ...	*Wm. Chambers .	Ed. M. Walker...	*Lynds S. Vaughan	*T. Harry Webb..	*James A. Ovas...	*R. W. A. Rolph..	Rev. Frederick W. Goodeve
1912	*Wm. Chambers .	Ed. M. Walker..	*Lynds S. Vaughan	Henry E. Bletcher.	*T. Harry Webb..	*James A. Ovas...	*John Colwell	Rev. Frederick W. Goodeve
1913	Ed. M. Walker..	*Lynds S. Vaughan	Henry E. Bletcher.	*Percy E. Kellett..	*T. Harry Webb..	*James A. Ovas...	Robert L. Ross...	Rev. Sydney D. Thomas
1914	*Lynds S. Vaughan	William Fenwick	Henry E. Bletcher.	*Percy E. Kellett..	*T. Harry Webb..	*James A. Ovas...	*J. M. Robinson..	*Rev. Peter E. Scott
1915	William Fenwick.	Henry E. Bletcher.	*Percy E. Kellett.	Ed. T. Greenway	*T. Harry Webb..	*James A. Ovas...	*Jno. Macwhirter .	*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1916	Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett..	Ed. T. Greenway.	*Alex. McIntyre ..	*James G. Dagg.	*James A. Ovas...	Chas. F. Hasselfield	Rev. James S. Miller
1917	*Percy E. Kellett.	Ed. T. Greenway.	*Alex. McIntyre ..	Albert J. Hatcher.	*James G. Dagg.	*James A. Ovas...	*Jno. J. Jackson..	*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1918	Ed. T. Greenway.	*Alex. McIntyre ..	Albert J. Hatcher.	Geo. N. Jackson.	*James G. Dagg.	*James A. Ovas...	....	*Rev. Tros. G. Bethell
1919	*Alex. McIntyre .	Albert J. Hatcher.	Geo. N. Jackson.	*Rev. A. B. Baird.	Wm. J. Major...	*James A. Ovas...	....	Rev. James W. Anderson
			*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major..	Jabez Miller ...	*James A. Ovas...	....	Rev. Chas. E. Somerset

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1921	Geo. N. Jackson	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major	Jas. S. MacEwing	Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas		Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1922	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major	Jas. S. MacEwing	A. L. Crossin	Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas		Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1923	Wm. J. Major	Jas. S. MacEwing	Albert L. Crossin	*J. C. Walker Reid	Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas		†Rev. Wm. C. Cunningham
1924	Jas. S. MacEwing	Albert L. Crossin	*J. C. Walker Reid	Jabez Miller	James Mackie	*James A. Ovas		†Rev. Wm. C. Cunningham
1925	Albert L. Crossin	*J. C. Walker Reid	Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	James Mackie	*James A. Ovas		*Rev. Andrew T. Norquay
1926	*J. C. Walker Reid	Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas	James Mackie	*James A. Ovas		*Rev. Andrew T. Norquay
1927	Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas	George Hunter	James Mackie	*James A. Ovas		Rev. George W. Findlay
1928	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas	George Hunter	Norman J. Black	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas		Rev. George W. Findlay
1929	William Douglas	George Hunter	Norman J. Black	David S. Woods	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas		Rev. George W. Findlay
1930	George Hunter	Norman J. Black	David S. Woods	James Mackie	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas		Rev. G. A. Woodside
1931	Norman J. Black	David S. Woods	James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas		Rev. G. A. Woodside
1932	David S. Woods	James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph	Royal Burritt	Alex. Burgess	*James A. Ovas		Rt. Rev. W. W. H. Thomas
1933	James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph	Royal Burritt	Harry Woods	Alex. Burgess	*James A. Ovas		Rt. Rev. W. W. H. Thomas
1934	*Henry L. Adolph	Royal Burritt	Harry Woods	John T. Boyd	Alex. Burgess	*James A. Ovas		Rev. George R. Calvert
1935	Royal Burritt	Harry Woods	John T. Boyd	Robert Hawkins	Alex. Burgess	J. H. G. Russell		Rev. George R. Calvert
1936	Harry Woods	John T. Boyd	Robert Hawkins	W. D. Lawrence	Alex. Burgess	J. H. G. Russell		Rev. Thomas Neville
1937	John T. Boyd	Robert Hawkins	W. D. Lawrence	J. J. Henderson	Alex. Burgess	J. H. G. Russell		Rev. Harry Sherstone
1938	Robert Hawkins	W. D. Lawrence	I. J. Henderson	Rev. G. R. Calvert	Alex. Burgess	J. H. G. Russell		Rev. Harry Sherstone
1939	W. D. Lawrence	J. J. Henderson	Rev. G. R. Calvert	S. H. Fahrni	Alex. Burgess	J. H. G. Russell		Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1940	J. J. Henderson	Rev. G. R. Calvert	S. H. Fahrni	Ben C. Parker	Alex. Burgess	J. H. G. Russell		Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1941	Canon G. R. Calvert	S. H. Fahrni	Ben C. Parker	Sam Burland	Alex. Burgess	J. H. G. Russell		Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1942	S. H. Fahrni	Ben C. Parker	Sam Burland	Rev. P. T. Pilkey	Alex Burgess	J. H. G. Russell		Rev. J. L. McInnis
1943	Ben C. Parker	Sam Burland	Rev. P. T. Pilkey	M. S. Donovan	Alex. Burgess	J. H. G. Russell		Rev. J. L. McInnis

* Dead † Removed from Jurisdiction

LODGE DIRECTORY

No.	Name of Lodge	P.O. Address	Worshipful Master	Secretary	Time of Regular Meeting
1	Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg	J. E. Ridd	G. G. Teeter	Third Tuesday
2	Lisgar	Selkirk	J. Hokinson	Thos. Bunn	Third Tuesday
3	Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg	A. Walters	W. F. Hutton	Third Monday
4	St. John's	Winnipeg	Dr. A. S. McCann	Jas. Mackie	First Wednesday
6	Emerson	Emerson	O. Malmgren	Len. Beer	Third Thursday
7	Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie	W. F. L. Hyde	R. A. Price	Third Monday
8	King Solomon	Morris	A. J. Sawatsky	Wm. Moore	Second Tuesday
10	Northern Light	Winnipeg	Dr. M. R. Steen	D. A. Ross	Third Thursday
11	Gladstone	Gladstone	Earl Stout	E. J. Cresswell	Second Monday
12	Stonewall	Stonewall	J. J. Aldworth	J. F. McPhedran	Third Tuesday
13	Morden	Morden	A. J. Livingston	M. Maclean	Third Thursday
14	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa	T. B. Weekes	P. C. Carlson	Second Thursday
15	Corinthian	Rapid City	J. W. Rousell	Arthur Dennis	Tuesday on or before full moon
19	Brandon	Brandon	T. Sigurdson	A. G. Warr (Actg.)	Second Tuesday
24	Neepawa	Neepawa	Wm. Laycock	Jas. McIntosh	Second Tuesday
25	Ionic	Winnipeg	A. J. Christie	M. Cobban	First Monday
27	Glenwood	Souris	Jas. Foley	C. E. Webb	Fourth Friday
29	Carberry	Carberry	W. M. Broom	B. S. Caldwell	Tuesday on or before full moon
30	Manitou	Manitou	R. Cringen	Rev. J. W. Cruikshank	First Tuesday
36	Doric	Boissevain	R. M. Stone	B. Grant	Fourth Tuesday
39	Birtle	Birtle	C. E. Tibbatts	F. C. Barber	Tuesday on or before full moon
40	Deloraine	Deloraine	R. Barrett	Wm. Brown	Third Wednesday
43	Lebanon	Virden	R. P. Campion	W. L. Cann	First Tuesday
44	Oak Lake	Oak Lake	Alex. Lyons	R. F. Stevens	Second Thursday
48	Glenboro	Glenboro	W. A. Witherspoon	A. S. Hames	Second Tuesday
49	Temple	Macgregor	Rev. L. J. Adams	H. I. Collins	Third Tuesday
50	Killarney	Killarney	G. R. Thomas	J. C. Bate	Third Monday
51	Treherne	Treherne	W. J. Robinson	R. C. Parsons	Friday on or before full moon
52	Hartney	Hartney	Fred. Lever	J. A. Callander	First Tuesday
54	Oriental	Melita	L. R. Tribe	J. G. Cobb	Third Monday
55	East Star	Gretna	A. R. Dick	G. G. McEdward	First Thursday
62	Russell	Russell	Wm. Hancock	C. E. Whitmer	Second Tuesday
63	Holland	Holland	W. A. Ferris	F. H. Dagg	Second Wednesday
64	Composite	Alexander	W. J. Critchley	D. A. Nichol	Third Thursday
67	Wawanesa	Wawanesa	F. H. White	C. L. Atkinson	Monday on or before full moon

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No.	Name of Lodge	P.O. Address	Worshipful Master	Secretary	Time of Regular Meeting
68	Vermillion	Dauphin	A. Oliphant	J. M. Bateman	First Tuesday
70	Shiloh	Roland	E. Glover	C. H. Glover	Second Thursday
71	Crystal	Crystal City	R. R. Livesley	W. G. McNamee	Second Tuesday
74	Elkhorn	Elkhorn	H. L. McMillan	H. J. Jones	Fourth Monday
75	Gothic	Austin	Chas. Moore	G. R. Hay	Second Wednesday
77	Napinka	Napinka	W. H. Kruger	T. A. Taylor	First Thursday
82	Cypress	Cypress River	W. J. Young	R. I. Connon	First Thursday
84	Hamiota	Hamiota	W. O. Curll	L. S. Taylor	Fourth Tuesday
86	Elgin	Elgin	T. A. Reid	E. J. Smillie	Second Tuesday
87	Rathwell	Rathwell	John Wilson	J. A. Draper	Tuesday on or before full moon
90	Midlothian	Miami	C. R. Boyer	J. A. Kerr	Third Monday
92	Shoal Lake	Shoal Lake	N. Kaufman	C. H. Nixon	Second Wednesday
93	King Edward	Winnipeg	F. P. Haines	S. A. Restall	Third Wednesday
94	Hiram	Grandview	Neil Mills	J. E. Johnson	Third Thursday
100	Robbie Burns	Gilbert Plains	V. Wilson	M. D. Snyder	Second Wednesday
101	Binscarth	Binscarth	Geo. Fowler	M. E. Clegg	Third Tuesday
102	Miniota	Miniota	G. K. Douglas	W. H. Yarwood	Fourth Thursday
103	Crescent	Elm Creek	E. A. Barager	R. H. Woods	First Wednesday
104	Reston	Reston	A. J. Grant	A. K. Cates	Second Thursday
105	Prince Arthur	Swan River	S. Pico	J. Livesey	First Thursday
106	Strathclair	Strathclair	L. L. Wersh	H. W. Clark	Tuesday on or before full moon
107	Lansdowne	Griswold	M. R. Sutherland	J. G. McMillan	Fourth Wednesday
108	Union	Brookdale	R. H. Curll	A. L. Curtis	First Thursday
109	Swan Lake	Swan Lake	A. I. Duguid	G. O. Couch	Tuesday on or before full moon
110	Kilwinning	Minto	T. C. McKee	Rev. J. B. Francis	Second Monday
111	Acacia	Winnipeg	H. Chamberg	Wm. Dewar	Second Wednesday
112	Ophir	Beausejour	S. L. Matlin	Wm. Craik	First Friday
113	Tweed	Brandon	F. R. Willmott	Wm. Fenwick	Third Tuesday
114	"The Assiniboine"	Winnipeg	H. Y. Knox	O. E. MacQuoid	First Tuesday
115	Rivers	Rivers	W. R. Donogh	R. G. Sinclair	Last Monday
116	St. Andrew's	Wellwood	J. J. Wells	G. W. Wells	Monday on or after full moon
117	Strathcona	Belmont	R. E. Huffman	H. E. Hopkins	Tuesday on or before full moon
118	Mound	Pilot Mound	C. G. McLean	R. E. Hicks	Fourth Thursday
119	Norwood	Norwood	R. A. Macdonald	W. M. Summers	Second Thursday
120	Penza	Dominion City	Edgar Snead	A. G. Froom	Fourth Tuesday

LODGE DIRECTORY—Continued

No.	Name of Lodge	P.O. Address	Worshipful Master	Secretary	Time of Regular Meeting
121	St. James	St. James	Dixon Stringer	Thos. King	Second Wednesday
122	Roblin	Roblin	G. R. M. Rusk	W. J. Westwood	Second Monday
123	Transcona	Transcona	T. R. Evans	F. G. Turner	First Friday
124	The Pas	The Pas	W. A. Cox	G. A. Williams	First Wednesday
125	Patricia	Sperling	J. J. Tjaden	J. H. MacLean	First Wednesday
126	Favel	Minitonas	J. F. Dix	H. Laing	First Tuesday
127	Empire	Weston	E. Johnston	E. Thompson	Second Monday
128	Victory	Benito	Jack Fox	J. W. Herd	Third Wednesday
129	Shellmouth	Shellmouth	E. R. Ridgway	A. H. Herbert	Second Monday
130	Fort Garry	Winnipeg	N. C. MacKay	W. D. G. Runions	Second Wednesday
131	Kildonan	Winnipeg	E. L. White	C. M. Smillie	Second Tuesday
132	Sprague	Sprague	W. A. Piper	Thos. McCarthy	Second Wednesday
133	McCreary	McCreary	R. L. Harper	T. E. Squire	Second Thursday
134	Stony Mountain	Stony Mountain	B. T. Dawson	T. Clayton	First Wednesday
136	Capitol	Winnipeg	T. Wilson	George Newman	First Friday
137	Lord Selkirk	Winnipeg	W. E. Palmer	G. R. Mackay	Second Wednesday
138	Windsor	St. Vital	J. B. McClure	H. B. Donnelly	Second Monday
139	Beaver	Winnipeg	W. E. Sharratt	S. W. Robertson	Second Thursday
140	Meridian	Winnipeg	R. A. Macdonald	Jas. Mowat	Third Thursday
141	Tuscan	Winnipeg	F. C. Nixon	A. R. Simpson	Second Friday
142	Harmony	Cardale	R. M. Creighton	S. W. Smith	Third Thursday
143	Mt. Sinai	Winnipeg	F. B. Dubinsky	J. Fred	Fourth Thursday
144	Fort Osborne	Winnipeg	E. D. W. Smith	T. J. Booth	First Tuesday
145	Sturgeon Creek	Sturgeon Creek	R. H. VanKirk	E. W. Browne	First Monday
146	Fidelity	Winnipeg	S. C. Swanton	A. Sandilands	Third Friday
147	Jubilee	Bowsman	R. T. White	Henry Stevens	Second Thursday
148	Seven Oaks	Winnipeg	J. Woodmass	A. C. Pritchard	Second Friday
150	Cartwright	Cartwright	J. A. Waldie	W. H. Newton	Third Tuesday
151	The Dormer	Winnipeg	G. H. Hall	J. Buchan	First Tuesday
152	Foxwarren	Foxwarren	F. W. Tarrant	V. G. Hillcox	First Wednesday
153	Flin Flon	Flin Flon	Geo. Stephen	C. Steventon	First Tuesday
154	Pine Falls	Pine Falls	V. C. Harvey	Wm. Bird	Second Friday
155	Carman	Carman	M. Dorfman	F. W. Evans	Third Tuesday
156	Manitouwapa	Moosehorn	W. A. L. Armstrong	W. J. Paulson	Third Tuesday

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, 31st DECEMBER, 1942

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1	Prince Rupert's .	2	2	2	2	3	4	15	....	8	420	400
2	Lisgar.........	3	2	2	1	1	1	....	....	7	119	116
3	Ancient Landmark	2	2	2	2	....	3	4	....	5	358	350
4	St. John's.......	6	6	6	1	....	2	6	....	8	581	572
6	Emerson........	3	3	3	1	....	1	....	....	1	59	61
7	Assiniboine......	11	9	7	2	2	3	....	....	3	175	184
8	King Solomon....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	....	3	61	58
10	Northern Light..	5	5	4	1	2	3	1	....	4	266	266
11	Gladstone.......	7	6	6	1	1	....	....	....	3	66	72
12	Stonewall.......	....	1	2	....	2	2	1	....	2	84	81
13	Morden.........	3	3	....	1	....	1	....	....	2	72	73
14	Prince of Wales..	1	....	....	1	....	1	....	....	2	91	90
15	Corinthian......	3	3	2	1	....	1	....	....	1	50	52
19	Brandon........	13	11	11	3	2	1	....	....	4	187	200
24	Neepawa........	5	5	4	....	1	2	2	....	2	127	127
25	Ionic..........	3	8	5	1	....	5	1	....	12	514	500
27	Glenwood.......	4	2	2	....	2	....	....	....	1	116	121
29	Carberry.......	1	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	2	56	56
30	Manitou........	6	6	6	1	1	....	1	....	1	48	54
36	Doric..........	2	1	1	2	1	1	3	....	3	80	78
39	Birtle.........	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	....	2	46	42
40	Deloraine	1	1	1	1	3	....	....	....	2	59	62
43	Lebanon........	3	3	3	....	....	....	1	....	3	75	74
44	Oak Lake.......	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	29	28
48	Glenboro.......	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	50	48
49	Temple	1	1	1	1	....	3	....	....	....	72	71

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50	Killarney.......	3	2	2	1	....	1	....	....	....	61	64
51	Treherne........	1	1	1	....	1	....	....	....	2	39	39
52	Hartney........	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	....	2	80	76
54	Oriental........	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	46	46
55	East Star.......	....	....	....	1	....	1	2	....	1	45	42
62	Russell.........	1	1	1	2	....	2	....	....	1	45	45
63	Holland........	2	1	1	....	....	2	....	....	....	52	52
64	Composite.......	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	41	41
67	Wawanesa......	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	38	39
68	Vermillion	10	11	8	....	....	5	6	....	3	156	152
70	Shiloh..........	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	2	70	67
71	Crystal.........	4	3	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	38	42
74	Elkhorn........	2	2	2	....	3	3	....	....	....	32	34
75	Gothic..........	....	....	....	....	2	3	....	....	2	53	50
77	Napinka........	2	2	2	....	2	3	....	....	2	53	52
82	Cypress.........	1	1	1	2	1	....	....	....	....	31	35
84	Hamiota........	2	2	2	....	1	2	....	....	2	48	47
86	Elgin..........	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	....	1	57	54
87	Rathwell.......	....	....	....	....	1	1	3	....	1	24	20
90	Midlothian......	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	56	56
92	Shoal Lake......	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	71	71
93	King Edward....	1	1	1	....	3	3	5	....	3	314	
94	Hiram..........	2	2	2	....	....	....	2	....	2	53	51
100	Robbie Burns....	2	3	3	....	....	1	....	....	....	30	31
101	Binscarth.......	1	1	....	1	1	....	....	....	....	31	34
102	Miniota.........	1	1	1	1	....	2	....	....	....	58	58
103	Crescent........	10	10	6	....	1	1	....	....	2	40	48

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No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Re-instated	Demitted	Sus-pended N.P.D.	Sus-pended U.M.C.	Died	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1941	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1942
104	Reston	8	9	6	3	2	3	....	....	1	102	111
105	Prince Arthur...	1	1	1	2	1	....	....	....	....	61	65
106	Strathclair......	....	....	....	....	1	2	....	....	....	40	39
107	Lansdowne......	1	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	2	42	42
108	Union..........	3	3	3	....	1	....	....	....	....	34	38
109	Swan Lake......	2	2	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	21	23
110	Kilwinning.....	2	2	1	2	....	1	1	....	....	45	47
111	Acacia..........	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	....	2	196	191
112	Ophir..........	1	....	....	1	....	....	4	....	....	60	58
113	Tweed..........	3	....	....	1	2	2	2	....	7	237	232
114	"The Assiniboine"	....	....	....	3	....	4	....	....	13	340	326
115	Rivers.........	4	4	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	47	51
116	St. Andrews.....	....	....	....	....	1	1	....	....	1	38	37
117	Strathcona......	2	2	2	....	2	....	....	....	....	53	57
118	Mound.........	6	6	6	....	1	....	....	....	3	51	55
119	Norwood.......	2	2	2	1	....	1	....	....	2	179	178
120	Penza..........	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	33	33
121	St. James.......	3	3	3	2	....	....	....	....	1	152	156
122	Roblin.........	1	1	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	34	35
123	Transcona......	2	2	2	1	....	2	....	....	....	118	119
124	The Pas........	1	2	2	1	....	1	1	....	3	88	85
125	Patricia........	3	2	2	1	1	....	1	....	....	23	27
126	Favel..........	1	....	....	1	....	3	....	....	....	38	37
127	Empire.........	3	3	1	....	....	2	....	....	....	121	122
128	Victory........	1	....	....	....	1	2	3	....	....	40	37
129	Shellmouth.....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	1	20	19

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No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Re-instated	Demitted	Sus-pended N.P.D.	Sus-pended U.M.C.	Died	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1941	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1942
130	Fort Garry......	4	4	4	1	....	1	....	....	1	185	188
131	Kildonan.......	1	1	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	87	90
132	Sprague........	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	27	25
133	McCreary.......	3	2	2	....	....	....	2	....	1	36	36
134	Stony Mountain..	....	....	....	1	1	1	2	....	....	50	49
136	Capitol.........	7	8	8	6	2	4	4	....	3	159	163
137	Lord Selkirk....	3	3	2	....	....	2	....	....	2	94	93
138	Windsor........	4	6	6	....	....	4	2	....	2	123	119
139	Beaver.........	5	5	5	....	....	....	2	....	4	201	200
140	Meridian........	8	8	8	1	....	3	....	....	2	251	255
141	Tuscan.........	2	2	2	....	....	....	1	....	2	70	69
142	Harmony.......	3	3	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	21	24
143	Mt. Sinai........	12	5	5	1	1	2	....	....	2	197	207
144	Fort Osborne....	1	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	2	114	114
145	Sturgeon Creek..	4	4	3	....	....	1	1	....	....	76	78
146	Fidelity.........	6	6	6	....	1	3	5	....	2	110	107
147	Jubilee.........	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	42	42
148	Seven Oaks......	3	2	2	1	....	2	2	....	....	86	86
150	Cartwright......	1	1	1	1	....	2	....	....	2	31	29
151	The Dormer.....	1	1	1	....	....	2	....	....	....	44	43
152	Foxwarren......	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	31	31
153	Flin Flon.......	5	4	4	1	....	2	....	....	2	91	93
154	Pine Falls.......	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	42	43
155	Carman.........	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	47	47
156	Manitouwapa ...	2	1	1	....	....	2	....	....	2	46	44
	Grand Totals...	202	178	170	91	57	135	202		174	10,278	10,113

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1942

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
1	Prince Rupert's. .	9	1	10	120	280	67	0	485.00	413.29	1060.41	372.77	16392.70	1200.00	Active	1	Rent
3	Ancient Landmark	9	5	14	72	278	40	11	556.50	191.00	239.51	270.00	24836.83	2900.00	Active	1	Rent
4	St. John's.	9	12	21	125	454	85	28	1545.00	72.45	1258.26	4155.00	30098.91	7250.00	Active	1	Rent
10	Northern Light. . .	9	2	11	75	193	81	1	310.00	348.95	743.07	75.00	10558.79	1500.00	Active	1	Rent
25	Ionic.	9	12	21	131	369	90	19	918.00	407.90	3291.06	1008.00	43274.31	500.00	Active	1	Rent
93	King Edward. . . .	9	3	12	70	234	80	33	1044.00	617.40	874.45	120.00	7562.93	2100.00	Active	1	Rent
111	Acacia.	9		9	47	144	40	7	501.00	225.00	485.21	444.25	8096.99	1000.00	Active	1	Rent
114	"The Assiniboine"	9	1	10	74	252	64	0	401.00	452.00	832.98	Nil	13882.98	1500.00	Active	1	Rent
119	Norwood.	9	2	11	25	154	56	20	707.00	63.55	8.00	1323.00	6042.00	7200.00	Active	1	Own
121	St. James.	9	8	17	19	137	50	27	311.00	47.00	435.68	Nil	4185.43	750.00	Active	1	Rent
127	Empire.	9	2	11	16	106	40	0	256.00	121.65	111.12	71.00	3839.06	3000.00	Active	1	Own

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1942

24	Neepawa.	10	1	11	62	65	40	. .	Nil	16.07	878.75	1500.00	4154.30		Active	1	Rent
7	Assiniboine.	11	12	23	73	109	30	43	359.15	158.10	1106.43	4218.15	18270.65	16000.00	Active	1	Own
133	McCreary.	11	1	12	11	25	10-2	4	113.60	28.06	251.78	Nil	801.78	400.00	Active	1	Rent
75	Gothic.	11	5	16	25	25	14	7	30.00	Nil	463.00	Nil	1500.00	1500.00	Active	1	Own
11	Gladstone.	12	6	18	28	43	24	28	Nil	10.50	308.20	Nil	200.00	3500.00	Active	1	Own
29	Carberry.	10	2	12	28	28	15	7	207.00	32.53	112.23	54.16	2512.23	1500.00	Active	1	Own
49	Temple.	12	0	12	34	35	17	16	105.00	152.50	128.46	Nil	2600.00	2500.00	Active	1	Own
108	Union.	12	1	13	16	22	12	6	65.00	15.00	121.39	Nil	1921.96	1300.00	Active	1	Own
116	St. Andrew's. . . .	10	1	11	20	17	13-4	6	126.00	36.00	180.00	Nil	1200.00	200.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1942

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		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
48	Glenboro........	11	0	11	22	26	15	13	119.00	Nil	304.29	94.40	209.89	250.00	Active	1	Rent
51	Treherne........	12	1	13	14	28	14	3	18.00	Nil	132.20	525.00	2275.00	2000.00	Active	1	Own
63	Holland.........	10	1	11	20	32	15	12	72.00	10.00	254.17	.....	414.17	300.00	Active	1	Rent
67	Wawanesa......	9	0	9	16	23	10	10	183.00	Nil	126.91	.....	126.91	250.00	Active	1	Rent
82	Cypress.........	9	1	10	18	16	10	13	100.00	Nil	119.00	.....	119.00	100.00	Active	1	Rent
87	Rathwell.......	10	2	12	6	14	10	4	26.00	Nil	161.00	.....	461.00	300.00	Active	1	Rent
103	Crescent.........	10	3	13	13	35	10	5	50.00	Nil	436.05	.....	752.05	300.00	Active	1	Rent
109	Swan Lake.....	5	1	6	9	12	8	8	60.00	Nil	125.00	.....	125.00	200.00	Dorm	..	Rent
117	Strathcona......	12	2	14	19	38	15	18	125.00	Nil	436.42	35.00	1201.42	500.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1942

13	Morden........	10	2	12	40	31	23	13	96.00	35.00	120.00	Nil	1000.00	500.00	Active	1	Rent
30	Manitou........	10	5	15	19	35	16	5	25.00	76.84	476.30	Nil	2976.36	350.00	Active	1	Rent
36	Doric..........	11	2	13	16	62	25	16	95.00	Nil	259.79	Nil	2592.26	2500.00	Active	1	Own
50	Killarney.......	9	..	9	22	42	17	6	30.00	Nil	73.64	Nil	1225.52	250.00	Active	1	Rent
71	Crystal.........	10	1	11	14	28	17	8	72.00	Nil	142.88	Nil	274.55	Nil	Active	1	Rent
118	Mound.........	11	4	15	19	36	17	12	77.00	Nil	136.75	Nil	613.73	100.00	Active	1	Rent
150	Cartwright......	9	1	10	11	17	10	8	49.50	Nil	89.82	Nil	356.93	200.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1942

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
101	Binscarth.......	8	0	8	14	29	..	23	488.00	.....	49.68	276.00	424.00	500.00	Active	1	Rent
15	Corinthian......	13	3	15	5	48	18	6	43.00	47.00	278.41	....	2400.00	1800.00	Active	1	Own
39	Birtle.........	11	..	11	15	27	15	10	55.00	.....	281.15	51.00	2864.15	1500.00	Active	1	Own
152	Foxwarren......	10	1	11	10	21	10	8	66.00	12.07	44.29	.....	1800.00	1300.00	Active	1	Own
142	Harmony.......	8	1	9	6	18	..	1	10.00	.....	300.22	12.50	347.72	500.00	Active	1	Rent
84	Hamiota.......	10	0	10	9	38	13	12	132.00	125.00	202.41	36.50	365.91	.....	Active	1	Rent
102	Miniota........	11	0	11	24	34	15	6	30.00	41.00	310.49	.....	275.49	825.00	Active	1	Own
115	Rivers.........	12	1	13	24	27	15	6	91.00	.....	225.44	.....	1100.00	1000.00	Active	1	Own
62	Russell........	10	0	10	15	30	12	7	48.00	205.00	258.39	.....	1200.00	1200.00	Active	1	Rent
14	Prince of Wales..	10	2	12	26	63	25	27	595.00	64.50	117.74	1141.28	6571.46	6000.00	Active	1	Own
129	Shellmouth.....	8	0	8	12	07	..	2	10.00	.....	6.29	450.00	1550.00	1250.00	Active	1	Own
92	Shoal Lake......	10	0	1	35	36	8	16	154.00	10.00	.....	35.50	1188.00	500.00	Active	1	Rent
106	Strathclair......	12	0	0	14	25	12	13	139.00	149.34	89.79	41.93	1152.00	700.00	Active	1	Own

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1942

27	Glenwood.......	10	1	11	49	72	..	20	176.00	100.00	315.64	Nil	3415.64	2000.00	Active	1	Own
40	Deloraine.......	11	..	11	16	44	..	11	98.00	36.58	113.14	Nil	2737.08	375.00	Active	1	Rent
52	Hartney........	10	..	10	30	45	..	40	295.00	.....	1.50	Nil	1450.00	800.00	Active	1	Rent
54	Oriental........	10	1	11	11	35	..	5	40.00	25.00	134.39	179.21	1486.18	600.00	Active	1	Rent
77	Napinka........	11	1	12	24	28	..	18	170.00	.....	114.23	58.55	255.68	100.00	Active	1	Rent
86	Elgin..........	11	..	11	17	37	..	13	95.00	20.00	166.90	Nil	526.90	Nil	Active	1	Rent
104	Reston.........	12	1	13	25	86	..	17	162.00	51.60	267.59	Nil	8079.59	4500.00	Active	1	Own
110	Kilwinning.....	12	..	12	17	30	..	6	36.00	41.60	673.38	87.82	1121.56	300.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1942

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
19	Brandon........	10	10	20	78	122	44	30	178.50	132.50	1230.33	458.03	7854.59	300.00	Active	1	Rent
43	Lebanon........	10	3	13	34	40	22	15	124.35	134.55	166.58	103.00	487.93	300.00	Active	1	Rent
44	Oak Lake.......	10	..	10	14	14	7	12	90.00	15.00	235.20	.....	2102.00	1300.00	Dorm.	1	Own
64	Composite......	6	..	6	21	20	10	..	150.00	15.00	347.56	.....	1407.61	1000.00	Dorm.	1	Own
74	Elkhorn........	11	1	12	19	14	10	9	97.50	.....	100.00	3000.00	.....	2000.00	Active	1	Own
107	Lansdowne......	11	2	13	9	33	12	20	171.00	98.70	161.00	.....	350.00	500.00	Active	1	Rent
113	Tweed	10	4	14	82	148	36	58	348.00	135.00	135.00	180.00	1704.66	.....	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1942

6	Emerson.......	12	1	10	29	32	16	13	179.50	77.00	238.33	Nil	4500.00	3700.00	Active	1	Own
8	King Solomon...	12	3	15	26	35	16	10	132.00	10.00	57.02	Nil	2250.00	2500.00	Active	1	Own
55	East Star......	10	0	10	29	12	10-11	11	137.00	.....	23.00	Nil	820.00	900.00	Active	1	Own
70	Shiloh.........	10	1	11	29	40	26	13	120.00	37.64	192.94	103.75	1459.19	250.00	Active	1	Rent
90	Midlothian......	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Active	1	Rent
120	Penza.........	9	0	9	7	26	11	10	50.00	6.28	.....	Nil	.....	1500.00	Active	1	Own
125	Patricia........	10	0	10	11	16	14	3	16.00	.....	189.57	Nil	848.57	300.00	Active	1	Rent
155	Carman........	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	634.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1942

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
68	Vermillion......	12	4	16	59	93	27	27	264.00	170.00	657.75	Nil	5560.00	1000.00	Very Act.	1	Rent
94	Hiram..........	9	2	11	18	33	20	6	34.00	120.00	236.33	109.50	2621.89	1750.00	Active	1	Own
100	Robbie Burns....	10	..	10	16	16	12	11	66.00	134.40	383.03	50.00	700.00	200.00	Active	1	Rent
105	Prince Arthur...	12	1	13	26	37	20	5	75.00	50.00	69.14	5.00	529.14	450.00	Active	1	Rent
122	Roblin..........	12	1	13	6	28	13	3	40.00	28.91	178.73	Nil	900.00	750.00	Active	1	Own
126	Favel..........	12	1	13	10	27	15	10	250.00	Nil	154.79	1000.00	600.00	1500.00	Active	1	Own
128	Victory........	7	2	9	16	21	11	4	82.00	27.00	166.41	27.00	355.00	300.00	Active	1	Rent
147	Jubilee........	12	..	12	14	28	16	3	127.00	40.00	203.19	Nil	382.00	100.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1942

2	Lisgar.........	10	7	17	29	87	..	16	149.00	Nil	Nil	3432.23	3312.49	5000.00	Active	1	Own
12	Stonewall.......	11	2	13	31	50	..	14	114.00	Nil	275.20	94.50	1819.50	1400.00	Active	1	Own
112	Ophir..........	12	..	12	9	49	..	14	129.00	10.00	91.37	400.00	2800.00	2500.00	Active	1	Own
123	Transcona......	10	1	11	17	102	..	24	346.50	139.18	182.69	5.00	1682.19	500.00	Active	1	Rent
131	Kildonan.......	9	1	10	12	78	..	28	390.00	227.11	734.65	77.31	4117.59	4500.00	Active		Own
134	Stony Mountain..	10	..	10	15	34	..	20	123.00	25.00	161.70	.....	2931.15	1400.00	Active	1	Own
148	Seven Oaks.....	10	..	10	14	72	..	19	149.00	45.00	239.50	95.00	5382.35	1000.00	Active	1	Rent
151	The Dormer....	9	1	10	2	41	..	4	40.00	64.64	170.81	131.61	1266.20	500.00	Active	1	Rent
154	Pine Falls......	10	2	12	16	27	..	4	18.00	Nil	455.92	136.00	1604.64	400.00	Active	1	Rent
156	Manitouwapa ...	8	..	8	7	36	..	1	7.50	17.84	242.30	85.70	656.60	500.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1942

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
130	Fort Garry......	9	3	12	37	150	51	36	415.50	91.00	131.68	Nil	3616.98	1000.00	Active	1	Rent
136	Capitol........	9	4	13	29	134	53	39	428.00	320.00	413.30	Nil	1813.30	1000.00	Active	1	Rent
137	Lord Selkirk.....	9	0	9	20	73	34	18	243.00	26.00	609.84	178.00	3594.84	250.00	Active	1	Rent
138	Windsor........	9	3	12	14	106	43	37	511.50	110.00	172.43	1269.71	14457.76	6500.00	Active	1	Own
139	Beaver.........	9	5	14	62	138	54	52	410.00	150.00	829.12	92.55	3748.02	500.00	Active	1	Rent
140	Meridian.......	9	2	11	34	222	55	62	600.00	137.82	268.00	125.00	9675.01	Nil	Active	1	Rent
141	Tuscan.........	9	..	9	19	50	20	20	255.00	56.78	203.24	Nil	613.24	350.00	Active	1	Rent
143	Mount Sinai.....	9	..	9	24	180	53	2	55.00	120.00	1101.46	615.64	5664.82	Nil	Active	1	Rent
144	Fort Osborne....	9	..	9	27	87	35	21	294.00	141.47	107.13	255.64	3014.10	500.00	Active	1	Rent
145	Sturgeon Creek...	9	1	10	..	80	32	6	53.00	56.20	420.00	Nil	2015.99	400.00	Active	1	Rent
146	Fidelity........	9	..	9	9	98	42	16	180.00	275.45	131.17	247.83	3051.44	200.00	Active	1	Rent

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
Alabama	Guy T. Smith	Montgomery
Alberta	George Moore	Calgary
Alpina	F. Muller-Ruegg	Berne, Switzerland
Arizona	Harry A. Drachman	Tucson
Arkansas	W. A. Thomas	Little Rock
British Columbia	Frank S. McKee	Vancouver
California	Lloyd E. Wilson	San Francisco
Canada (in Ontario)	Ewart G. Dixon	Hamilton, P.O. Drawer 217
Chili	Rod Castro Oliveria	Santiago
Colombia	Jose G. Fabre Carlos S. Hernandez (Ext.)	Bogota-Apartado, 2519
Colorado	Charles A. Patton	Denver
Connecticut	Winthrop Buck	Hartford
Costa Rica	Rafael Obregon Loria	San Jose, Apt. "Y"
Cuba	Dr. Constantino Pais	Havana, Apartado, 72
Czechoslovakia, N.G.L.		
Delaware	Chester R. Jones	Wilmington, 818 Market St.
Denmark	A. T. K. Troedsson	Copenhagen, 23 Blegdamsvej
District of Columbia	J. Claude Kieper	Washington, D.C.
Ecuador	Jose A. Vallejo Ycaza	Guayaquil
England	Sydney A. White	London
Egypt	Mohammed Bey Rifatt	Cairo, Box 148
Florida	Geo. W. Huff	Jacksonville
France, G. L.	Maurice Lhomme	Paris, 8 Rue Puteaux
France, N.G.L.	G. H. Hargreaves	Paris, 42 Rue de Rochechouart
Guatemala	Pedro Donis O.	Guatemala City
Georgia	Daniel W. Locklin	Macon
Honduras, C.A.	Constantino S. Ramos	Honduras, C.A.
Idaho	Clyde I. Rush	Boise, P.O. Box 1667
Illinois	R. C. Davenport	Harrisburg
Indiana	William H. Swintz	Indianapolis
Iowa	Charles C. Hunt	Cedar Rapids
Ireland	Henry C. Shellard	Dublin
Kansas	Elmer F. Strain	Topeka
Kentucky	Al. E. Orton	Louisville, 200 Shubert Bldg
Lessing Zu Den Drei Ringen		
Louisiana	D. Peter Laguens, Jr.	New Orleans
Maine	Convers E. Leach	Portland
Manitoba	J. H. G. Russell	Winnipeg
Maryland	Claud Shaffer	Baltimore
Massachusetts	Frank H. Hilton	Boston
Mexico, York G.L.	Fred T. Berger	Mexico City, D.F. Apartado, 1986
Michigan	F. Homer Newton	Grand Rapids
Minnesota	John H. Anderson	St. Paul
Mississippi	Sid. F. Curtis	Meridian
Missouri	Arthur Mather	St. Louis, 3681 Lindell Blvd.
Montana	Luther T. Hauberg	Helena
Nebraska	Lewis E. Smith	Omaha
Netherlands	A. F. L. Faubel	The Hague
Nevada	E. C. Peterson	Carson City
New Brunswick	R. D. Magee	Saint John, P.O. Box 1430
New Hampshire	J. Melvin Dresser	Concord

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESS OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES—Continued

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
New Jersey	Isaac Cherry	Trenton
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque
New South Wales	Jas. S. Miller	Sydney
New York	Charles H. Johnson	New York
New Zealand	H. A. Lamb	Wellington, C.I., P.O. Box 2001
North Carolina	John H. Anderson	Raleigh
North Dakota	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo
Northern China, D.G.L.	E. Philip Higgs	Shanghai, P.O. Box 417
Norway	Col. J. P. Graff-Wang	N. Voldgate 19, Oslo
Nova Scotia	James C. Jones	Halifax
Ohio	Harry S. Johnson	Cincinnati
Oklahoma	Claude A. Sturgeon	Guthrie
Oregon	D. R. Cheney	Portland
Panama	Andres Mojica	Panama, Apartado, 84
Paraiba	Augusto de Almeida Simoes	Paraiba, Brazil, P.O. Box 3
Pennsylvania	Matthew Galt, Jr.	Philadelphia
Philippine Islands	Antonio Gonzalez	Manilla, P.O. Box 990
Porto Rico	Rodolfo Ramirez Pabon	San Juan
Prince Edward Island	L. A. McDougall	Charlottetown, P.O. Box 112
Quebec	W. W. Williamson	Montreal
Queensland	Leslie P. Marks	Brisbane, Box 675K. G.P.O.
Rhode Island	H. L. McAuslan	Providence
Rio de Janeiro	Dr. Oswaldo De Souza Valle	Rio De Janeiro
Santa Domingo	Jose Marie Perez Andujar	Santa Domingo
Saskatchewan	Robert A. Tate	Regina
Sao Paulo	Antonio T. DaSilva	Sao Paulo, Brazil, Box 2611
Scotland	W. King Gillies	Edinburgh
South Africa	F. L. Knight	Cape Town
South Australia	R. Owen Fox	Adelaide
South Carolina	O. Frank Hart	Columbia
South Dakota	E. F. Strain	Sioux Falls
Tasmania	W. H. Strutt	Hobart
Tennessee	Thomas E. Doss	Nashville, P.O. Box 216
Texas	George H. Belew	Waco
Utah	S. H. Goodwin	Salt Lake City
Vermont	Aaron H. Grout	Burlington
Victoria	William Stewart	Melbourne
Vienna		
Virginia	James F. Clift	Richmond
Washington	Horace W. Tyler	Tacoma
West Virginia	I. Wade Coffman	Charleston
Western Australia	A. E. Jensen	Perth
Wisconsin	William F. Weiler	Milwaukee
Wyoming	Irving E. Clark	Casper

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
Alabama	Chas. H. Stubinger	Birmingham	Mar. 10, 1937
Alberta	Samuel Harris	High Prairie	Jan. 2, 1941
Alpina	Wm. Planta	Berne, Switzerland	Sept. 2, 1941
Arizona	Rev. Robt. S. Calder	Phoenix	Jan. 31, 1940
Arkansas	John H. Pinson	El-Dorado	Mar. 27, 1925
British Columbia	Donald Adams	Revelstoke	Oct. 13, 1930
Canada (in Ontario)	Frederick Cook	Ottawa	Nov. 19, 1915
Chili	Artouro de la Cruz	Santiago	Oct. 14, 1929
Colombia	Alfred G. Williams	Bogota	Nov. 24, 1942
Colorado	Ira C. Foster	Montrose	Feb. 24, 1940
Connecticut	Willard A. Hunt	Forestville	April 22, 1939
Costa Rica	Iric C. Murray	San Jose	Aug. 1, 1921
Cuba, Island of	Thomas C. Sierria	Havana	June 6, 1923
Delaware	Louis S. Cain	Wilmington	Jan. 29, 1927
Denmark N.G.L.	C. E. Monrath-Oxholm	Copenhagen	Aug. 7, 1931
District of Columbia	Needham C. Tumage	Washington	July 20, 1908
Ecuador	Octavio Moran	Guayaquil	July 21, 1932
England	The Rt. Hon. Viscount de Vesci	Monk Hopton, Bridgnorth	Nov. 25, 1939
Egypt	Alfred Seffer	Cairo	Dec. 8, 1925
Florida	Frank H. Brown	Miami	Apr. 2, 1940
France, G.L.	Louis Doignon	Paris	Nov. 29, 1926
France, N.G.L.	J. C. D. Scarlett	Paris	April 26, 1936
Guatemala	Carlos A. Gieseler	Guatemala	June 10, 1925
Georgia	John A. Bishop	Atlanta	Feb. 1, 1933
Honduras, C. A.	Jesus M. Lopez	Honduras	Dec. 1, 1931
Idaho	Neil R. Fitch	Payette	Dec. 9, 1941
Illinois	G. Haven Stephens	Danville	Aug. 30, 1924
Indiana	George W. Schneider	New Albany	April 17, 1903
Ireland	David Ferris	Newry	Nov. 1, 1921
Kansas	Harold B. Groff	Topeka	Sept. 18, 1936
Kentucky	John L. Vest	Walton	Aug. 15, 1927
Louisiana	Thomas Gessner	Hammond	May 10, 1940
Maine	Porter A. Roberts	Portland	July 20, 1937
Maryland	J. Fletcher Fairbank	St. Michael's	Aug. 15, 1935
Massachusetts	Edwin O. Childs	Newton	Nov. 5, 1936
Mexico, York G.L.	R. B. E. Turnbull	Mexico City	July 6, 1933
Michigan	Louis Anderson	Omena	June 1, 1932
Minnesota	Lloyd Peabody	St. Paul	Nov. 29, 1931
Mississippi	A. F. Copeland	Leland	April 19, 1932
Missouri	Harris C. Johnston	Boonville	Nov. 16, 1936
Montana	W. J. Johnston	Thompson Falls	July 8, 1937
Nebraska	Ernest C. Purdy	Gordon	July 12, 1943
Netherlands	K. G. Jorksveld	Utrecht	Feb. 2, 1939
Nevada	Sam. P. Kafoury	Reno	June 2, 1933
New Brunswick	Alfred Page	Woodstock	April 14, 1939
New Hampshire	Walter C. Chesley	Northwood	April 10, 1934
New Jersey	James F. Russell	Jersey City	April 1, 1923
New Mexico	Earl A. Turner	Las Vegas	July 8, 1937
New South Wales	E. E. Cupit	Sydney	Oct. 13, 1923
New York	C. H. G. Sorge	New York	Feb. 2, 1942
New Zealand	Gilbert T. Bull	Gisborne	Oct. 15, 1909
North Carolina	J. L. Peacock	Tarboro	July 1935

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES—Continued

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
North Dakota	Paul B. Griffiths	Grand Forks	Jan. 5, 1939
Norway	Jans W. Berg	Oslo	Nov. 1, 1924
Nova Scotia	W. E. Thompson	Halifax	April 18, 1934
Ohio	Forest R. Dwyer	Bradford	July 28, 1943
Oklahoma	Lyle H. Ball	Laverne	Jan. 12, 1943
Oregon	Wilmot K. Royal	Portland	Dec. 4, 1933
Panama	Raymond L. Toledano	Panama	Dec. 1, 1926
Paraiba	Dr. Arlindo Correa	Paraiba, Brazil	July 10, 1939
Philippine Islands	Gonzalo T. Vales	Manila	Feb. 6, 1940
Puerto Rico	George W. Robert	San Juan	Oct. 1, 1917
Prince Edward Island	Donald Baker	Summerside	May 8, 1936
Quebec	W. R. Allen	Montreal	Jan. 14, 1918
Queensland	William K. McLuckie	Brisbane	June 1, 1923
Rhode Island	Harold L. McAuslan	Providence	April 16, 1928
Rio de Janeiro	Leon Benshat	Rio de Janeiro	Feb. 20, 1931
Sao Paulo	Carlos Reis Filho	Sao Paulo, Brazil	Jan. 5, 1939
Saskatchewan	Wm. O. Fraser	Oxbow	Nov. 25, 1941
Scotland	Rev. Hugh F. Reid	Chirnside	Jan. 8, 1930
South Australia	E. J. Copping	Adelaide	Aug. 1, 1930
South Carolina	William W. Gregory	Inman	May 15, 1934
South Dakota	W. D. Swain	Sioux Falls	Jan. 15, 1937
Tasmania	R. V. W. Green	Launceston	April 24, 1928
Tennessee	Ira Parker	Nashville	Mar. 1, 1932
Texas	J. W. Pender	Denton	Mar. 1, 1931
Utah	R. W. Macdonald	Park City	April 7, 1938
Vermont	Charles B. Adams	Waterbury	Feb. 5, 1923
Victoria	Edgar J. Carter	Melbourne	Sept. 10, 1934
Virginia	R. A. Hutchison	Manassas	Mar. 27, 1942
Washington	A. E. Emerson	Ellenburg	Dec. 8, 1916
West Virginia	Charles B. Ahrens	Wheeling	Aug. 17, 1939
Western Australia	Arthur G. Stiles	Perth	Aug. 16, 1934
Wisconsin	Ray H. Watson	Milwaukee	May 1, 1939

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Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
Alabama	Francis H. Dagg	Holland	Mar. 31, 1920
Alberta	Hugh M. Kerr	Brandon	Nov. 25, 1930
Alpina (Switzerland)	W. C. Birt	Winnipeg	Oct. 22, 1930
Arizona	E. G. Hunt	Winnipeg	June 21, 1923
Arkansas	Jas. D. Harrower	Wawanesa	Feb. 25, 1941
British Columbia	Rev. Chas. E. Somerset	Selkirk	June 10, 1924
Canada (in Ontario)	W. D. Lawrence	Winnipeg	Sept. 13, 1940
Chili	N. J. Black	Winnipeg	May 13, 1920
Colorado	K. R. Kennedy	Winnipeg	Mar. 5, 1938
Connecticut	M. S. Donovan	Brandon	May 21, 1935
Costa Rica	R. McKenzie	Roland	May 30, 1923
Cuba	J. Morgan Davies	Winnipeg	May 27, 1940
Czechoslovakia			
Delaware	John Coulter	Treherne	April 2, 1915
Denmark	Stanley H. Fahrni	Gladstone	Oct. 17, 1930
District of Columbia	A. H. Steventon	Winnipeg	May 18, 1932
Ecuador	C. Weichman	Treherne	June 1935
Egypt	Edward T. Hardman	Oak River	June 2, 1934
England	Justice Wm. J. Major	Winnipeg	June 12, 1935
Florida	Hon. Robert Hawkins	Dauphin	Aug. 16, 1937
France, N.G.L.	Chas. H. Midwinter	Winnipeg	Mar. 3, 1937
France, G.L.			
Guatemala	J. J. Sinclair	Winnipeg	
Georgia	J. H. G. Russell	Winnipeg	June 1, 1928
Honduras	A. G. Cowan	Winnipeg	Oct. 17, 1930
Idaho	Hector French	Stony Mountain	June 1, 1928
Illinois	William R. Leslie	Morden	June 21, 1931
Indiana	Sydney A. Wood	Winnipeg	May 16, 1940
Ireland	John T. Boyd	Winnipeg	Oct. 3, 1935
Kansas	Jabez Miller	Winnipeg	June 15, 1914
Kentucky	James L. Lawson	Winnipeg	June 24, 1927
Lessing Zu Den Drei Ringen			
Louisiana	Charles E. Cole	Portage la Prairie	Feb. 28, 1938
Maine	W. D. Harper	Emerson	Jan. 19, 1937
Maryland	Norman McDougall	Emerson	April 29, 1930
Massachusetts	Rev. Geo. W. Findlay	Winnipeg	May 1, 1929
Mexico, York G.L.	M. A. Nitikman	Winnipeg	May 23, 1940
Michigan	Dr. O. S. Ross	Virden	Mar. 1, 1941
Minnesota	Ben C. Parker	Winnipeg	Jan. 13, 1938
Mississippi	George N. Jackson	Winnipeg	Mar. 30, 1902
Missouri	Maris H. Garton	Boissevain	Jan. 31, 1934
Montana	M. S. Watson	Deloraine	Feb. 26, 1941
Nebraska	Hugh Mackenzie	Winnipeg	Nov. 15, 1935
Netherlands	A. L. Crossin	Winnipeg	July 9, 1921
Nevada	Thomas A. Argue	Winnipeg	June 10, 1924
New Brunswick	Canon Geo. R. Calvert	Winnipeg	April 27, 1938
New Hampshire	George Hunter	Winnipeg	Dec. 6, 1926
New Jersey	Wm. G. Corbett	Stonewall	May 27, 1940
New Mexico	H. B. Donnelly	Winnipeg	July 1937
New South Wales	James Mackie	Winnipeg	June 10, 1921
New York	Rev. Geo. A. Woodside	Winnipeg	May 14, 1932
New Zealand	Samuel Burland	Winnipeg	Mar. 22, 1937
North Carolina	Robert Peel	Miniota	Sept. 4, 1941
North Dakota	J. Frank Dart	Winnipeg	Jan. 18, 1937

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Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
Norway	J. P. McKinnon	Macgregor	Oct. 24, 1920
Nova Scotia	David S. Woods	Winnipeg	Oct. 13, 1926
Ohio	Arthur E. Boyle	Winnipeg	June 10, 1924
Oklahoma	Harry M. Smith	Melita	Feb. 24, 1941
Oregon	J. James Henderson	Shoal Lake	June 20, 1924
Paraiba	Wm. L. Cann	Virden	Aug. 1938
Philippine Islands			
Panama	Hon. I. B. Griffith	Binscarth	Oct. 23, 1926
Puerto Rico	George V. Henderson	Strathclair	July 5, 1941
Prince Edward Island	Thomas R. Falconer	Deloraine	May 7, 1931
Quebec	Harvey T. Waters	Winnipeg	May 17, 1940
Queensland	Eli E. Spencer	Morden	Jan. 19, 1934
Rhode Island	John R. Stalker	Shoal Lake	Aug. 15, 1926
Rio de Janeiro	William Cairns	Macgregor	Oct. 23, 1920
Santa Domingo	William G. Shaw	Elgin	May 30, 1932
Saskatchewan	Alex. Burgess	Winnipeg	Jan. 21, 1937
Scotland	William Douglas	Winnipeg	1936
South Australia	Daniel Hawe	Benito	Jan. 14, 1931
South Carolina	Chas. R. Sayer	Winnipeg	May 20, 1940
South Dakota	Thos. Stockdale	Winnipeg	
Tasmania	John Parton	Winnipeg	1936
Tennessee	James S. MacEwing	Treherne	Oct. 15, 1913
Texas	H. G. Kilpatrick	Forrest	Feb. 14, 1941
Utah	Donald MacDonald	Ninette	May 24, 1941
Vermont	Dr. Frank K. Purdie	Griswold	May 13, 1932
Victoria	Andrew Manson	Shoal Lake	Feb. 2, 1922
Vienna			
Virginia	Harry Woods	Winnipeg	Aug. 7, 1935
Washington	George R. Mackay	Winnipeg	May 20, 1929
West Virginia	William Fenwick	Brandon	Dec. 29, 1898
Western Australia			
Wisconsin	Wm. J. Edwards	Winnipeg	May 20, 1940

MASONIC REVIEWS
1942 - 1943

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

HUGH M. KERR
Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Reviews fraternally submit its annual report having reviewed all Proceedings submitted to them. Many contributions to the war effort are noted; relief funds being established, with services of various types being rendered. Conditions in general throughout the Craft showed improvement with an increase of applications for the degrees, while losses are less. Education, both Masonic and civic, continues to be foremost in a number of Grand Lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

H. M. KERR,
Chairman.

GENERAL

OKLAHOMA, 1942 (Grand Master)

M.W. Bro. Wm. H. Powell, Grand Master, has appointed V.W. Bro. Harry M. Smith, of Melita, as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, succeeding M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, resigned.

VICTORIA, 1942

DONATION TO H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" REPLACEMENT FUND

M.W. Grand Master: Brethren, I think it would be wise to make a donation to the Fund for the replacement of the H.M.A.S. "Sydney", one of the war vessels of our Fleet. There have been many losses which we deplore, and I think it would be a fine gesture if a substantial donation were made towards this fund, and I feel it would be in order, although there is no motion before this Grand Lodge, if we were to pass a motion which I intend to propose from this Chair:—I move: "That this Grand Lodge donates the sum of One Thousand Pounds to this fund, subject to the Finance Committee of the Board of General Purposes approving of it." I think if we pass the motion we will save six months.

R.W. Bro. C. H. Book, K.C., Deputy Grand Master: I second the motion, and suggest that I might be allowed to say that I do not think we should allow it to rest at that. No doubt the Commonwealth Government will be very pleased to receive the sum of One Thousand Pounds from this Grand Lodge, but I do hope that steps will be taken to enable us to make individual contributions to this fund. If each Lodge were able to collect from each member only one shilling we would have another two thousand five hundred pounds, and perhaps the Board of General Purposes will move in that direction, so that we will be able to make individual contributions apart from the Grand Lodge.

The motion was carried.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1942 (Grand Master)

Time brings many changes. Today we are confronted with one of the greatest crises in our history. Our personal lives are being regimented by the restricted use of tires, gasoline and other commodities essential to our normal way of living, but let us be thankful that with all this we are privileged to meet again in the bonds of fraternal relations. Let us rejoice that our institution is still privileged to carry on its functions in these unhappy times; that its lessons and great moral teachings are still going out to the young men of our country; and may the day never come when our institution, teaching brotherhood, relief and truth, will be silenced by the will and caprice of a dictator or by one known by any other name.

Freemasonry is again being tried before the world, as indeed it was in this land of ours during the anti-Masonic period of more than a century ago. It is significant of any movement founded on truth and righteousness that it emerges stronger after each crucial test. So may we hope for the future, but only by hard work, devotion and loyalty may we aspire to greater heights and higher purposes.

> "God give us men! A time like this demands
> Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and
> ready hands."

MAINE, 1942 (Grand Master)

On the occasion corresponding to this a year ago, I devoted a part of my time to a somewhat cursory review of the world conditions then prevailing, which seemed to indicate that the welfare, perhaps even the survival, of Freemasonry was inextricably entwined with that of democracy in the death struggle then going on with the forces of totalitarianism. I then had no thought but that the great majority of the members of our Ancient Craft were aware, equally with me, of what that struggle portended. My comment, notwithstanding, was not intended to be an idle one. Its purpose was to record, for so long as the records of our Masonic proceedings are preserved, the fact of our general recognition of the situation with which the members of this fraternity, and all the free peoples of the world, were then confronted.

Speaking as of today, that situation has been startlingly changed. The major changes relate back to two particular events. On June 22, 1941, two days less than seven weeks after the opening of our last Annual Communication, the war of Europe changed its course—the Nazi and Fascist bandits of Europe turned upon their former communist ally and launched a true blitzkrieg attack upon the people of Russia. The war engulfed three continents. On December 7, 1941, a single day more than seven months after that same opening, the new ally of those European bandits—the outlaw of the Pacific—launched a corresponding attack upon England, and our own United States of America. The war enlarged its scope—it became in fact a World War, and a world wide war, ranging across the full expanse of the Seven Seas, and embroiling the Western Hemisphere.

December 7, 1941, to quote, substantially, the words of President Roosevelt on the following day, "a date which will live forever in infamy"—marks the time when the people of this Nation became practically a thoroughly united people, ready to accept, as they did formally on the day next ensuing, the gage of battle thrown down to them by the Empire of Japan. The attack of the Japanese, notwithstanding it was made directly only upon our outlying possessions, disclosed clearly as we all now recognize that the engagement thus opened up was to win all or to lose all in a conflict which could cease only when democracy was forever defeated, or when its supremcy should be permanently established throughout the world.

The issue will be determined upon the outcome of what we have come to know as "total war." The last thirty-two months of history have shown, even to non-combatant nations, what that term connotes. Time was, when armed warfare meant only the clashing of armed forces. Today it means a battle of peoples. As those of us in civil life sow, so also shall our armed forces—on land, at sea, and in the air—reap, at home, and in distant parts.

For generations, the democracies of the world have striven to improve the conditions and the prospects of all their peoples. Until the advent of totalitarianism, it seemed as if substantial progress was being made toward the attainment, for them, of better working, and living, and health conditions and a greater and more lasting security—what can perhaps be summed up in the words that have come to convey a well-known meaning—"a higher standard of living." And then came the goal of that national objective which the peoples of Germany, and Italy, and Japan have so thoroughly embraced—the concept that individuals live not to enjoy that life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness with which they are endowed by the great Creator, but solely to further the aggrandizement of their own race and rulers.

America has long been, and is today, the land of greatest opportunity, of maximum freedom and security, of the highest "standard of living" yet known for the individual citizen, but that position is now definitely imperiled, and it will be lost unless we all, in common accord, waive temporarily some of our advantages; discard efforts to secure individual and group benefits; bury the hatchet between capital and labor, and that between our rural and our urban populations; and gird on a real working armor to meet the needs of the occasion. Present sacrifice is necessary to preserve those blessings, among our many, which are altogether the most worth while. Our burden, as a nation of thoroughly united people, is to produce, to consolidate, and to prepare, the materials, the organization, and the power which will maintain these United States of America, and all peoples allied with us in the cause that is common to freedom, as the masters of their own destiny in an all-out effort which will out-match the corresponding productive and co-ordinating capacity of the totalitarian peoples—aided, as they are, by the enforced labor of the millions they have already enslaved.

The failure of the people of France to apply the maximum of available national labor to the task of preparation for meeting the force of totalitarianism with equal force brought the end of that nation, unless restoration shall come through this country, and our allies. Prior to the fall of France, it was altogether less than that maximum which was applied to the task. Frenchmen were busy after the outbreak of war, as before, with efforts looking to individual ease, and comfort, and security. The result was inevitable—in total war. Prior to the same time a like situation prevailed in England. It was only by the grace of God—and a civilian morale which must be recognized as a very substantial offset against the earlier lack of application of war preparation—that a like result was there avoided. The people of England learned their lesson in the hard school of experience and no thought of profit, of wages and hours, of individual ease and comfort, or group advantage, is now permitted there to interfere with, or to slow up, the national effort. Let us, in America, do better. Let us learn by the suffering of those who were earlier involved in the war. Let us see to it that neither the desire of capital for a greater return, nor the demands of labor for shorter hours or greater pay; that no zeal on behalf of our farmers, or of any other group, and no circumstance whatsoever, other than an all-consuming insistence upon the maximum of effort, of efficiency, and of productivity, motivates our people, and all of those who make and administer our laws. Hard work will produce ultimate victory. Let us apply ourselves wholeheartedly to the task.

NEBRASKA, 1942 (Grand Master)

Since we last met in an annual communication many distressing events have taken place which bear upon the future of Freemasonry. Our country has been attacked by foes who deride everything democratic. The Christian religion has been assaulted and its very existence imperiled in may parts of the world. Freemasonry has been the victim of dictatorial terrorism, and its dissolution has been decreed by the totalitarian fanatics. Democracy, Christianity and Freemasonry have so many ideals and principles in common that a war against one of necessity means war against the others. The individualistic tendency in each is the common denominator of all. As a fraternity, struggling continuously for peace and good will, we have been unceremoniously plunged into this conflict against our will. While the very teachings of our Order require us to be quiet and peaceful citizens, we shall prove our loyalty to our country, our reverential awe of God, and our firm belief in the principles of our Order, by temporarily resorting to force, the only method remaining by which we can assure the retention of our traditional way of life for ourselves and the generations yet to come.

There was never a more insistent demand for real leadership in the affairs of men than now. Freemasonry requires it as never before. In some respects it is a wholesome sign; it means that the value of real constructive work is recognized and that it must be planned and directed by individuals who are themselves not merely willing to co-operate, but who have the ability, through the co-operation they inspire in others, to produce results. "To see how little we can do, is to exist; to see how much we can do, is to live."

NEW ZEALAND, 1941 (Board of General Purposes)

GRAND LODGE OF EGYPT

Reports have reached the Board of General Purposes from an officer holding high military rank in the New Zealand Forces and high Masonic rank, also from the District Grand Lodge of Egypt and the Sudan, E.C., that the affairs of the National Grand Lodge of Egypt are now not conducted on the high standard which is required in Grand Lodges recognized by the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

The Board therefore recommends that official recognition of the National Grand Lodge of Egypt be suspended.

The National Grand Lodge of Egypt is not recognized by the United Grand Lodge of England.

TASMANIA, 1942 (Board of General Purposes)

COUNTRY LODGES

Two Country Lodges in the Southern Jurisdiction have notified the Board that owing to petrol restrictions and War conditions generally they find great difficulty in meeting regularly each month, as many Officers and Brethren require to travel long distances, which is almost impracticable under existing conditions. The present Masters and Officers are remaining in Office for another year and it is hoped to meet at irregular intervals, as opportunity occurs. The Board has approved of this course under existing conditions.

GENERAL

SASKATCHEWAN, 1942 (Grand Master)

On January 20th, 1942, a message was sent to each Lodge with the request that it be read at a "rededication hour"—to follow the regular meeting in February. I further requested that the message be implemented and enlarged upon by some inspired Brother who was to take as the centre of his thought, "The Gavel Sounds." Had it been possible I would have been a silent visitor in every Lodge circle on that significant occasion. I learn with deep pride and comfort that many of those addresses were straight talks from men of serious mind. My Brethren, the gavel sounds at this hour as it has sounded down across the centuries. Centuries, not years, are the witnesses of progress. The contemporary scene is laden with tragedy but the centuries sound the confident chord. It refreshes and energizes our spirits to know that those basic principles upon which our Order is founded are unalterable and indestructible. Those principles defy the sword of tragedy. We may talk of evolution and of change but amidst it all, amidst the crash of empires, the fall of cities, and the destruction of life and property, there are those fundamental, indestructible, permanent elements which neither time nor change can destroy. Militant ideologies are aggressively active at this hour. Their programme is to shackle men and nations by propaganda and by force. Their programme is to put out the world's lights, those cultural, humanitarian and spiritual beams that guide the traveller "safe home." Hence, it is that as men and as Masons we rise to weave into the fabric of community and national living the very noblest and best that life has to offer.

Our mission is not to reform the world. We launch out upon no reformist crusade. To cultivate and improve the human mind, to grow up mentally and spiritually, to explore the paths of heavenly science, to edify the living soul of man—these are our objectives. The cultural and spiritual life of the world has ever and always been committed to the custody of the loyal few. It is our task to keep the lights of wisdom, beauty and truth burning on the altar, ever remembering that the more mature we become, the more concerned do we become; and the more concerned we become, the more tolerant and sympathetic we become with all mankind.

Brethren, we are concerned, very much concerned. We are concerned as the aged Voltaire was concerned when he wrote:

"Twenty years are required to bring man from the state of an animal which is his condition at infancy to a state of maturity in which reason begins to make itself felt. Thirty centuries are necessary in which to discover even a little of his structure. An eternity would be required to know anything of his soul. One moment suffices to kill him."

When Benjamin Franklin brought his grandson across the stormy Atlantic for Voltaire's blessing, the frail old man placed his thin hands on the youthful head, and said, "God and Liberty." Invisible though they are, those three words are inscribed over the porchway or entrance to every Masonic Temple—"God and Liberty." This is the challenge the gavel sounds at this hour. This is the message that is emblazoned across the storm-laden sky in this momentous year 1942. It is a message that has been and will ever remain permanent in its human appeal—that men may be raised from "down and out" into grand reunion once again with those heroic figures who stand erect, facing alike the challenge and the storm. It is a vision of the world dedicated to fredom, to justice, to peace, to light and to God.

As I see it, the dictatorships of our day have two chief objectives before them. The first is to destroy liberty; the second is to destroy God. Paganism and slavery would be man's lot in a new order shaped by the dictator nations. Hence our concern. Hence our vow "to suffer death rather than betray the sacred trust reposed in us." There was one of ancient time, Isaiah by name, who found himself and his people in a plight similar to our own. The grass had withered, the flowers had faded, the stubble had been reduced to chaff. Hearts were meditating terror and the people were being delivered to the slaughter. In such an hour Isaiah sounded the gavel: "Get thee up into the high mountain . . . say unto the cities, Behold your God." There was one of modern time, Byron by name; Byron, the misunderstood; Byron, the sufferer, who felt in his heart the pangs of sorrow and of despair; Byron, beloved abroad but rejected at home; Byron, who made himself the mouthpiece of an impassioned and welcome protest against the hypocrisy and arrogance of his order and his race; Byron, who touched with emotion the uncultured and unimaginative many; Byron, who in language suggestive and inspiring delivered his messages of liberation; Byron, whose passionate love of liberty lured him to his death in the Greek war of liberation in 1824; Byron, who poured forth his art in commemoration of Francis Bonnivard who trod the prison cells of Chillon for six long years:—

"Eternal spirit of the chainless mind!
Brightest in dungeons liberty thou art!
Chillon! thy prison is a holy place,
And thy sad floor an altar for 'twas trod
Until his very steps have left a trace
Worn, as if thy cold pavement were a sod.
By Bonnivard! let none those marks efface!
For they appeal from tyranny to God."

Brightest in dungeons liberty thou art! The dim, betrayed, unedified millions are waking up. The morning light is breaking. If I read the signs aright Europe is regaining consciousness. The dazed are scrambling to their feet. Minds are souls are being touched with flame. For those of us who prize the cultural and spiritual life of man a great opportunity is at the dawn. The darkest hour is prelude to that dawn. May we so edify ourselves, so rectify ourselves, so unify ourselves, that we shall justify and fortify our place among the nations.

"Universal benevolence," to which every Masonic Hall is dedicated, is not of universal acceptance by any means. Universal benevolence is labelled "not wanted" in many lands. It is true that Freemasonry has been let down in some lands, but Freemasonry as an institution has never let any man down. It is true that Freemasonry has been subjected to ridicule, but Freemasonry as an institution has never subjected any man to ridicule. There's a lesson here for us all. If men who "wear the apron" have been guilty of secret intrigue, private plots, and conspiracies, it is not Freemasonry that is guilty. Freemasonry as we know it and live it has never been known to utter one word of criticism, to pass one resolution against any man or body of men. To worthy men, Freemasonry stretches hands across every boundary; it greets every flag that flies over just and upright men; it salutes the nationhood of noble-minded men everywhere. Worthy men, just men, upright men, noble-minded men! These enter by the inner door. All others are cowans and intruders.

> "Be noble, and the nobleness that lies
> In other men, sleeping, but never dead,
> Will rise in majesty to meet thine own,
> Then, wilt thou see it gleam in many eyes,
> Then will pure light around thy path be shed
> And thou wilt never more be sad and lone."

Throughout the year that now ends we have sought thus to sound the gavel. Throughout the year that now begins, I have faith to believe that another—a just man, an upright man, a noble man—will sound that gavel summoning us all to loftier achievement yet. I say to you, one and all, if this Dominion and this world are to be unified in purpose and in effort they must first be edified. In that process of edification no institution has pre-eminence over Freemasonry. May we face the coming year high of heart and resolute of faith that the officers whom we select tomorrow will lead us on "O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, 'till the night is gone."

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1942 (Grand Master)

We are starting on another Masonic year. What does it hold in store for us? The only thing we can say with any certainty is that the immediate future is anxious and may well hold for our Empire and Craft perils such as we have never previously had to face. We who have seen the light of Freemasonry are in many ways privileged people. In this we know that there are no privileges which do not carry with them responsibilities. What, then, are the responsibilities which the privileges of our Craft put upon us? Firstly, to keep the light of Freemasonry burning brightly so that when happier days come it may illumine us, and through us, all those with whom we may come in contact in the task of building a safer and happier world. But also, I think, there is put on us the responsibility of leadership. We must show to all that there is more in Freemasonry than mere meetings of lodges, more even than the spirit of good fellowship and charity which is generally associated with those meetings. We must prove that when we say at our initiation that in times of difficulty and danger we put our faith in God, those are no idle words. Let that faith keep us constant in the difficult days that lie ahead, trusting always in the good purposes of T.G.A.O.T.U., however inscrutable they may be to us. Let us perform our various tasks with all the energy we have, not allowing ourselves to be the prey of changes of fortune whatever they may be. Let us not indulge in fatuous optimism when things seem to be going better, or, even worse, in dark despair when ill-tidings reach us. Let us keep faith strong and our courage high, and go manfully about our work, and if we do that we shall be able to feel that our great Craft has played its part not ignobly in winning that victory which will assuredly be ours.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1942 (Grand Master)

Apart from the constitutional requirement that the Grand Lodge be convened each year, it is most desirable in especially this year of alarms and anxieties that we should meet as brethren and take counsel together. For nearly three years now the world has been divided into two hostile camps—in one are the forces of might and terrorism, of hatred and ruthlessness, of destruction and ruin, of slavery and despair; and in the other, the forces of Right, hard-won privileges of freedom to live and worship and think and work, to assemble, speak our thoughts, to plan our lives. It is for just these rights and privileges that Freemasonry through the centuries has always been, and ever will be the advocate and champion.

These rights are not just accidents that happened to come about automatically. Men had to fight and die to wrest them from the forces of oppression, the same foul and fiendish forces which bare their fangs to strike us down today.

An all-out total effort on our part is the only answer. No true Freemason can be apathetic or complacent when our very life and liberty are threatened. No half-hearted, take-it-easy attitude will do. This war cannot be won in our spare time. Our lodges must lead the way inspiring our members to take their rightful place in the war effort, by contributing to our utmost to all appeals for money, materials and men, by maintaining fearlessly a high morale, so necessary to ultimate victory. Freemasonry stands for good faith, for sanctity of treaties and international obligations, for patriotism and brotherhood, for higher thoughts, nobler deeds and greater achievements, for absolute justice and fair play; for all the privileges and freedoms to which I have referred.

Freemasonry has always been courageous and outspoken, and these are the reasons why the enemy has always struck his first blow at the Craft. His method is to break down one barrier after another until all are gone and civilization is in ruins.

If we as citizens of the British Commonwealth of Nations and of Canada and as Freemasons, will but do our utmost duty, as every one of us is bound to do, then with th help of God, our cause will triumph and our precious and dearly bought privileges will be saved and preserved.

WISCONSIN, 1942 (Grand Master)

AUTOMATIC EXCLUSION

The Grand Master in dealing with the question of dues-delinquent members in denying them the privilege of active membership, states that their present system is predicated upon the belief that when a dues-delinqunt member becomes temporarily financially embarrassed or is neglectful in the payment of his dues, a charitable attitude and time will cure the default, whereas a rigid enforcement of our law governing exclusions and suspensions for nonpayment of dues may be harsh or lacking in fraternal consideration and sacrifice an otherwise deserving member of the fraternity. He states that the present system lacks uniformity of enforcement for one or more of the following, among other, reasons:

A. The neglect of Lodge officers and various types of delays.
B. Personal favoritism.
C. Personal embarrassment.
D. Consideration of a broad, ill-defined charity.
E. The indefinite hope that the delinquent member may himself cure the delinquency.

These considerations are usually accompanied by various schemes of personal interviews, reminders by letters, etc.; while the dues keep on piling up and the member is increasingly unable to pay the accumulated aggregate. The Lodge carries the burden of the per capita tax, until one of the good brethren intercedes on behalf of one of the delinquents towards whom he feels friendly or charitable, and prevails upon the Lodge to have the dues of that one brother remitted or extended, while other delinquents are left to shift for themselves. Quite naturally one delinquent member who has been favored by the Lodge becomes the object of displeasure of another member who has not been so favored. The Grand Master recommends that after a period of delinquency, to have the record show that the brother was automatically and by law denied the privileges of active membership, that is of attending meetings, and that after a second period the record will show that he is automatically suspended.

LODGE SECRETARIES

The Grand Master proposes that at each Grand Lodge communication a meeting of Lodge secretaries be held for the purpose of discussing their work and related subjects. He feels that if these important officials of our Lodge system get together to discuss their own problems and the opportunity for greater efficiency and usefulness, they will accomplish results that will make the time and effort well worth while.

CANADA (in Ontario), 1942 (Grand Master)

It is doubtful if, in the long history of Grand Lodge, it has ever met under more sombre circumstances or in graver and more perilous times. Two years ago we met with bated breath under the lowering clouds of the disaster to our arms caused by the fall of France, the desertion and surrender of a trusted ally suborned by traitorous leaders. We were then under the spell of the epic struggle of Dunkirk, the dire necessity of doing our part in preparing with the utmost speed for the defense of Britain and to arm afresh against expected invasion. A year later the threat of invasion had been warded off, the battle of Britain of July, August and September, 1940; had been won through the most heroic effort and sacrifices but a savage and ruthless enemy had attacked from the air with the utmost ferocity and malevolence the historic cities, towns and villages of Britain, causing untold damage and suffering and great loss of life. Foiled in their objective there they turned aside to overwhelm with cruel vengeance in turn Serbia and Greece, and then had launched most treacherously the full force of their war machine against Russia. Their viciousness, their determination to secure by force of arms and cunning the glittering prize of world domination brought that great and powerful nation into the field. We have marked with ever increasing admiration the heroic courage and resistance of our ally Russia and their magnificent achievement in stemming and rolling back the tide of battle.

Today we approach the end of the third year of this fateful struggle. The vicious attack of Japan on the United States has now widened this struggle and it is not Freemasonry as we were once fondly able to say that is spread over the four divisions of the globe, but ghastly, hideous war waged on us by foes that give no quarter and show no pity. We are engulfed by Satanic forces which we shall resist to the uttermost. "Puir and puirer we maun be," ran the words of the old Jacobite song of those who had loyally supported a losing cause. Poorer and poorer we must be in wealth and treasure as we arm in ever increasing measure to resist and finally crush our foes. Poor and poorer we shall be in the material things of the world as we struggle and gain securer possession of the higher and eternal verities and values that alone make individuals, institutions and nations truly great.

Each generation and each individual must learn the great and abiding truths for themselves. We would fain have learned them in some easier and less bitter school. The struggle has now reached such a peak of intensity that even the most indifferent of us feels the pinch and is affected by the rapidly increasing stringency in living conditions. As the din of battle approaches ever more closely till even the dullest ears begin to hear, may our effort in this country of Canada be such that we shall rise to the full measure of our responsibilities and duties. As Masons we would do no other than our full duty as it may be disclosed to us, halting not but doing the right for the sake of right. May it be that the curse of Meroz shall not be applied to any Mason of this jurisdiction, that bitter ancient curse—"Curse ye Meroz," said the Angel of the Lord, "Curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

Preoccupied as we are with the pressing needs of the moment, engrossed as we are with war and preparations for war and for defense, the ways of Masonry are essentially ways of pleasantness and her paths those of peace and to them we turn.

OREGON, 1942 (Grand Master)

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

This is the ninety-second Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge. So Masonry grows—not ancient, but at least middle-aged in Oregon—and it may be that to some extent we have become afflicted by too much of the conservatism and not a little bit of the stodginess of middle-age. It seems to me that the first function of a Freemason is to serve his fellow-men, but I suggest that some of us may have forgotten that important function, and, instead of devoting our talents to good works, and thereby, as by an industrious apprenticeship, earning our right to the title of Master, we have usurped the prerogative of the Grand Master, and made ourselves Masons at sight.

It is within his own heart that a man is first prepared to be made a Mason, and it is in the heart and by the heart that he must grow in stature as a Mason, and retain his right to the title of Master Mason. It is an honest and dignified title, and a Master Mason will never forget that symbolically he carries with him, into every situation in life, his lambskin apron, with all the obligations which it typifies.

Since last we met in Annual Communication, the nation has been drawn into the horrible maelstrom of war. Our sons, more dear to us than ourselves, have been called into the Armed Forces of our country, and as always are making of their own bodies the rampart of civilization against the barbarian. It is not given to many of us to expend youth and vigor in the tremendous sacrifice of those who "face fearful odds for the ashes of their fathers and the temples of their gods". We older Masons, at all events, for the most part must do our bit behind the lines. It is our part to maintain the dignity and courage of manhood in the midst of war's alarms! to act as a steadying influence among a great number of bewildered people in this crisis; and to join hands with all men of goodwill, of whatever creed or color, who seek to maintain the honor, the dignity, the safety and the glory of our beloved land.

It is the sacred duty of every Master Mason to take stock of his patriotic and moral armament now—not next year. The safety and the happiness of our people depend upon the steady impact of the mass action of good men, and that mass action breaks down into the right actions of individual good men, one by one doing his part. We are not always responsible for the deeds of other men, but we are always responsible for our own. No matter what our station in life may be, we gain nothing and we lose nothing except by our own actions.

Honor and shame from no condition rise.
Act well your part, there all the honor lies.

Once again, as many times in the past, Freemasonry must prove itself to the world. It has been banned and abolished almost everywhere except in the English-speaking countries. In these lands, which have, through the blessing of God and their own endeavors, achieved a greater degree of freedom and happiness than has ever before been the lot of man in any age, Freemasonry has developed as a splendid example of the fruition of freedom. If there has been a tendency in our Fraternity to draw the skirts of our mantle around us, and in a manner to lose touch with those who are without the mystic circle, now is the time when we must show our comprehension of our common bond with all mankind.

VERMONT, 1942 (Grand Master)

Freemasonry is much more than just a group of individuals with rituals and degrees. It is a philosophy of life and a vital force with a mission to fulfill. In many ways it represents the struggle of the human race toward the goal of enlightenment, justice and liberty. Its philosophy is broad and comprehensive, yet so simple as to appeal at once to the natural instincts of every free-thinking person, regardless of race or creed. This philosophy of Masonry rests squarely on the foundation of the natural rights of man to be free, to think for himself, to worship according to the dictates of his own conscience, and to know equality among his fellow beings. The ways of Democracy are definitely a product of Masonic and Protestant philosophy, and the Masonic ideals of religious freedom and civil liberty are the very foundation of our American republic, as expressed in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, and the Bill of Rights. These ideals must never be permitted to perish, but rather must they be upheld with greater patience and perseverence than ever before, that the principles of liberty and justice may always endure, not only for us but for all those brothers who are for a time crushed by the selfish powers of foul dictatorships.

NEW JERSEY, 1942 (Grand Master)

LIFE MEMBERSHIP TO RETIRING MASTERS

At least one of our constituent lodges, and there may be others, has in recent years adopted an annual practice of granting to the retiring Worshipful Master a gratuity which varies as to amount, but which, by a rather queer coincidence, is always just sufficient to purchase a life membership for a brother of the Master's age, in accordance with the provisions of the by-laws of the lodge.

While my personal opinion is that this action is wholly contrary to good Masonic ethics and practice, and that a retiring Master should customarily be presented with an apron and jewel indicative of his rank, and certainly nothing which might carry with it an intimation that service to the lodge had been rendered with any thought of personal material gain, I did not conceive it to be my proper duty to attempt to interfere with the internal affairs of any lodge.

On the surface, of course, the lodge procedure appears to be proper and regular—the lodge votes the gratuity; a check is drawn and delivered to the retiring Master; after a respectable interval he purchases a life membership; but I think it clearly apparent that it is simply an ingenious device designed to circumvent and evade the spirit and intent of a ruling by M.W. Brother William T. Vanderlipp, then Grand Master, concurred in by Grand Lodge at the 142nd Annual Communication, and recorded at page 366 in the Proceedings for 1930, which provides "that a life membership may not be created by a lodge donation of the required amount to the recipient, or by a bookkeeping transaction within the lodge."

I have no doubt that all reprehensible practices of the nature outlined will be immediately discontinued if a resolution be adopted "that it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the grant of a gratuity to a retiring Worshipful Master, then or at any time, and either directly or indirectly to be paid or applied toward the purchase of a life membership in said lodge, is improper and unmasonic."

I recommend the adoption of such a resolution.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1942 (Grand Master)

The Masonic Craft, like every other institution among us, has felt the impact of the war. In some cases, as has been mentioned, it has been necessary to speed the conferring of Degrees in order that candidates in the Services might be raised before being sent away with their units. Our Lodges have been delighted to welcome sailors, soldiers and airmen from other places as visiting brethren. Some members of the forces from abroad, having sojourned amongst us for the required time, have been elected to receive our mysteries and become members of our Lodges. Many of our brethren have enlisted in the armed forces and are on active service in Canada or overseas.

The men of the Canadian navy, army and air force are writing as brilliant a page in Canadian annals as did their predecessors in World War I.

But this is total war. The civil population have their duty to do, their sacrifices to make, even as the armed forces. It is the duty of all of us, whether Masons or non-Masons, whether in unifrom or mufti, to wage this war. Let us civilians with fortitude and cheerfulness bear our burdens of taxation, obey the regulations of our Government, co-operate in every war effort, and dedicate our resources and our energies, as the men in uniform are dedicating their lives, to the winning of the war. Loyalty in this crisis is the supreme virtue,—loyalty to our men in arms, loyalty to this good country we call home, loyalty to our noble KING. Struggle and bitter sorrow lie before us, but fortitude and faith will sustain us to the end, and glorious peace will be our reward.

But though the war must for the present be our chief preoccupation, it is not the only menace to our welfare.

My Brethren, we are living in a terrible age. Great nations have passed under the rule of dictators whereby the rights and dignity of the individual man are set at naught. In all countries there seem to be a weakening of moral restraint, a loss of reverence for those things which from of old were held sacred, confusion of thought, bewildered groping amongst conflicting ideals and contrary views of life's purposes; and now the war, with its bitter enmities, its destruction, sorrow and privation, its agonies of pain and its terrific harvest of death. But amid the confusion and horror of our distracted and stricken world, our Order stands for stability, brotherhood, faith and life. Here, the ancient landmarks stand. The plumb, level and square abide, not only as the tests of behaviour but as the sanctions of man's worth and dignity. Human kindness stretches forth a hand to aid and save a brother. From the Book upon our altars speak the oracles of the eternal, and through faith in God all the energies and interests of life are focused to a common purpose and a common glory. So all life is enriched and flourishes like the acacia sprig which had no root in earth but still grew green because it was rooted in the unending life.

Masonry has a great mission to our age. We are united in a splendid work. The contribution which each one makes to the common effort my be small but not insignificant. The great end is to be achieved by practising in our individual lives the principles inculcated in our Lodges and by drawing ever closer the ties that bind us together in fellowship and service.

ALBERTA, 1942 (Grand Master)

Another year has fleetingly winged its way across our path, a year when dark days have descended upon us with startling rapidity. The conflagration of diabolical warfare has spread in an alarming manner; lust, hatred and despotism at the moment seem rampant; the temple of our democratic civilization is being savagely assailed, parts of the structure seem to be tottering and the foundations of our way of life are shaking perilously.

Yet, in the midst of these deplorable world conditions I dare to bid you welcome, thanking the G.A.O.T.U. that though we mourn the passing of a number of our brethren who have made the Sacrifice Supreme, our fair Dominion thus far remains unscathed and we as votaries of our glorious Fraternity are able to meet in peace and tranquility. May our deliberations therefore be such that this meeting will go down in our history as a great occasion when we accepted without reservation the challenge of the dictators and powers of darkness that Alberta Masonry will fight for its cherished principles and stay fighting and praying until a brotherhod of free men shall definitely be an accomplished fact among all nations. If you and I, my brethren, are satisfied this is what we desire above all else then we must be ready and willing to assume greater obligations and heavier responsibilities.

Our institution is not a Religious Body but is founded upon Divine Truth. We are most reverent when we open the V.O.T.S.L. on our altars but unfortunately at the conclusion of our meetings when we close our Text Books we are apt to shut out of our lives the Divine Precept. If Freemasonry has arrived at the Supreme Testing Time (I doubt if any of us can say that is not true), I respectfully suggest materialistic or ritualistic Freemasonry cannot survive the onslaught, but a Masonry deep rooted in Religious Truth will be victorious and will not only save Masons for Masonry, but will step over these narrow limitations and be one of the potent factors in saving civilization for Truth and Freedom.

ALABAMA, 1942 (Grand Master)

The vital essence of Freemasonry is that it is a Brotherhood, a Fellowship, of free and enlightened men having its roots in the rich soil of intimate acquaintanceship and association. Long before constitutions were written or regulations were framed for the government of the Craft, our ancient brethren with uncanny wisdom rested the welfare and perpetuity of their society upon the firm foundation of their mutual understanding and love for one another, and across the succeeding centuries this has continued to be the enduring basis of our fraternity. These brethren of former years were wont to describe this relationship as the "Mystic Tie"—a very happy and fascinating expression, and we should continue to give it currency in our modern Masonic language.

NEWFOUNDLAND—District Grand Lodge, 1938-1942 (District Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England)

Brethren, our Masonic brotherhood is now facing one, if not the greatest crisis, of its existence. Our brethren in many lands are suffering—our sympathies go out to them. They have been forbidden to gather together. Their temples, hospitals and other buildings were seized. Their funds have been confiscated, mainly because Masonry is international and universal, and it serves to teach and stands for the worship of God, for truth, justice, fraternity and philanthrophy. Yet our Masonic tenets obligate us all to obey the laws of the country to whom we each owe allegiance. Masonry aims to improve and strengthen character of the individual man, and inspire them with that feeling of charity or goodwill towards all mankind. The records of history often record however that those who are endeavoring to do good unto all men are persecuted unto death.

My brethren, let us all be strong and of good courage and stand fast for these rules and regulations laid down for our guidance in the V.S.L., for we must remember as the late M.W. Bro. Harold J. Richardson, former Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, has written: "Freemasonry is a life to be lived, not a formality to be perfuntorily observed. It is a life to be lived, not a set of empty creeds to which lip service is given. It is a life grounded in religion, organized in morality, mellowed by good fellowship, humanised in charity and dedicated to service."

Let us gather around our Masonic Altar in this spirit and re-dedicate our lives to serve the Supreme Ruler of the Universe. Let us all show our Masonic Light and Wisdom by a good example—quietly demonstrated to others, that the world outside may see that we of the mystic tie unitedly go forward together as men of honor, reflecting in our daily lives the principles for which an Ancient, Free and Accepted Mason stands, and thus enjoy a fuller knowledge of the many blessings which surround us under the liberty and laws of the British Empire, whose God and King we humbly serve.

VIRGINIA

The year has brought many changes in world conditions. Our nation, the victim of a savage and treacherous attack, has been forced into a world-wide war to save its very existence. Masonry has come down to us through the ages, having withstood wars, panics, objections, ridicule and slander, and is today the same strong, silent influence for the doing of good, the building of character, and the teaching of high ideals that it was several hundred years ago. The strength of Masonry is to be found in its ancient landmarks, its dignity of purpose, and the fact that it admits men in all walks of life, the high, the low, the rich and poor, if they possess good character and believe in a Supreme Being. There has never been a time in recent years when the principles of human liberty were more seriously threatened. Human liberties are bought at a heavy price and we have learned that they must be retained at equal cost. In a confused and chaotic world such as this, certainly there is a demand for strong Masonic leadership and guidance. The times are calling for men whose leadership is safe and whose judgments are based upon intelligent thinking. The thought comes to one's mind, has not Masonry been preserved and handed down through the ages to serve humanity in such a time as this? Certainly there is need for an organization such as Masonry, with its fine philosophy and its beautiful teachings, to serve in a tumultuous world. Our Masonic traditions are a rich heritage. They teach the duty of man to face courageously every moral challenge. The best in life throughout the past has been worth suffering for, and thus great issues have been won. To preserve the best in our civilization likewise calls for sacrifice. In the past, man has arisen to the emergencies of his day. The best in Masonry indicates that they will continue to do so. And so my brethren as we view the chaotic state of the present day word, let us again gather around our Masonic altars and renew our faith in the Supreme Ruler of the Universe and the God of our Salvation.

Let us as Masons, ever remember the New Commandment, commonly known as the Gospel of Love, which the Master gave to His disciples at the last supper, when He said, "A New Commandment I give unto you that ye love one another. As I have loved you, love you also one another." Today, possibly as much as in any age of the past, the world hungers for the Gospel of Love. Seemingly there is no peace in the world today. Distrust has in many instances usurped the place of confidence, and falsehood the place of truth, that imperial virtue, the greatest of them all, without which no man, no race, no state, no nation can do aught but ultimately fail. And with the coming of distrust and falsehood, the love of truth and the prevalence of good will among men vanish, and in their place the gods of malice, hate and war reign among us. We, as Masons, know that the Gospel of Love and the

New Commandment practiced diligently and truly will dispel the darkest cloud that ever threw its sombre shadow across the path of man and instead of malice, hate and war we may have peace and good will reigning supreme among the peoples of the earth. If Freemasonry has a mission to fulfill, if Freemasonry has a purpose to accomplish, if Freemasonry lives up to the sublime principles it claims for its own, then we must one and all on bended knees renew our vows of allegiance to the Law of Love. We must go forth from this Temple, and from every other Temple where our Craft holds forth, out into the various walks of life, determined to live and exemplify the Gospel of Love and the New Commandment, not only with the members of our Craft, but with all those with whom we come in contact, in the hope that by precept and example, we may, as did the lowly Nazarene, expound and practice that doctrine which alone can bring solace to a troubled humanity and peace and good will to a distorted world.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1942 (Grand Master)

In times of peace there is much to be gained by an expression of the ethical principles of Freemasonry and their value to the common weal. In periods such as the present appalling upset in world affairs, however, such principles, to have any effect at all, must be translated into actual practice, and must have a distinct bearing not only upon what is, but on what must come when arms are laid down and men's minds are turned to the problem of finding the best methods, not only for the re-organization of world affairs, but for a peace and happiness in which war shall have no place. To find a pathway through the morass will possibly be even more difficult than the successful prosecution of the war, and our measure of success in what I may call the second phase will, I am inclined to think, largely depend upon the extent to which we are prepared to make effective the principle of the Golden Rule. This would mean an entire revision of the general outlook upon all political, economic and social aspects of life, of our own as well as of other nations. One of the first major premises we will need to realize is that the world cannot with safety go back to the old economic ideas of capital and labor that enabled a comparative few to live in luxury whilst by far the great number were hard put to find a means of existence. The world cannot perpetuate that condition of affairs where all that is necessary for the decent and pleasurable enjoyment of life, after being produced in abundance, can fail in distribution, which is now so much at fault that millions of our fellow-men are not either properly clothed or adequately fed. We will have to recognize too that the world cannot continue to exist on a policy of hate and aggression. Some means must be found to restore goodwill amongst the nations, and to give to the people of every land a permanent sense of liberty and the opportunity to be happy and content.

All these things, you may say, are matters to be considered after the war. Victory is the first essential and the end towards which we should direct all our energies. No one will dispute that for one moment, for the victory of democracy is the only way by which tyranny, oppression and enslavement can be destroyed and the souls of people restored to them. It is the only end upon which any hope of reconstruction can be based. Following the old cooking recipe, "First catch your hare," we have first to destroy the evil that is abroad, and force our opponents to recognize that there is no longer a place in the world for cold, relentless hatred and lust for murder. To bring this about we need intensity of preparation and unity of action. The things that seem important in ordinary times must be relegated to second place, and there must be one objective and one objective alone—to put forth all our powers without dissension or discussion, so that righteousness may prevail and fear be banished from the earth. This requires not only all the material strength we possess, but also unity and strength of moral outlook. We believe that we are fighting, not for gain to ourselves, for that can only be loss, but for the things of the spirit, for those great principles that are essential to human happiness, and which have the blessing of the Most High. With that firmly fixed in our hearts, our confidence will be strong and our reliance upon ultimate victory will be unassailable. Achievement may, we know well, be difficult, but in the end with every material resource brought into the conflict, and above all that unwavering spiritual outlook, the victory must be to the just. But the achievement of victory will not be the end of our difficulties. War, we know, must end, and peace must some time be declared. What form shall that peace take? How shall we approach the period of reconstruction, which will at least be just as difficult as actual warfare? Shall we perpetuate old animosities and regard peace as merely a breathing space to prepare for another struggle? Shall the world continue to be governed by hatred, vindictiveness and revenge, or shall we be prepared to base international and even national relationships upon the principles of friendship, harmony and brotherly love? Will we recognize that, apart from international affairs, there are many things that require readjustment even in our own domestic and social relationships toward one another? All these are pertinent questions and an answer must be found to every one of them.

All thinking men must recognize that the times are decidedly out of joint. The idea that it does not matter what a man believes or in whom he places his trust: the idea that we live unto ourselves and are not concerned with the welfare of our neighbors must both be disregarded. All those who look forward know how necessary it is to create a better civilization and to bring about a feeling of general harmony and goodwill in every field of human relationship, whether it be political, economic or social. At present the modern world is agitated about the survival of democracy and all that democracy means, but in the future it must be still more agitated about providing a satisfactory social system under which all men can live happily. If we are not prepared to consider these things now, then the task facing us later will be all the more difficult.

For these reasons all thinking men, amongst whom may reasonably be numbered Freemasons, must welcome the basis of present and future needs set out in the Joint Declaration of President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill. That document contains the first clear statement put forward, both of what is sought and what is hoped for when victory is assured. The Magna Charta laid the foundations upon which the liberties of the British nation have been built. Wherever British people have gone they have carried those principles with them, and the freedom and security as well as the ethical and spiritual outlook of the British Empire and the United States rest today upon the foundations so well and truly laid in that great charter.

The great Declaration so recently put forth may be regarded as a second Charter of Liberty, but a Charter not only for one nation alone, but for the whole earth. In its breadth of vision, and even in its recognition that right has not always been done during past times, it will probably rank as one of the greatest conceptions in history. In it there is no suggestion of a desire for additional territory, there is no suggestion of seeking to expand trade relations at the expense of others, there is no suggestion of reimbursement of cost by defeated opponents, but there is the clear statement that the democracies are concerned only that the principles which contain so much of the spirit of the Sermon on the Mount shall, pure and unsullied, govern the earth.

It may be said that there is nothing new in the Declaration; it merely puts into words what all clear-sighted men have been thinking. To an extent that is true, but its value rests in the assurance which, at this most critical period in all history, it gives to the world, and especially to those countries whose souls have been crushed under the heel of Nazism. It is a new and crystallized Charter of Freedom and respect of the rights of others. It means that a further milestone has been reached in the march of progress, and it opens to our view a fairer road than that along which we have so far travelled. If it means anything, and I believe it does, it means that the barriers which produced the old national hatreds will be swept away, that the economic systems that gave much to few and very little to most will have to be revised, that values must be calculated upon the basis of what a man is rather than what he has, that ethical standards instead of sordid greed must govern our relations with one another, and that the spiritual must hold sway over us all.

I am describing an Utopia, you will say. Well, perhaps I am, but it is the Utopia that Freemasonry throughout its long existence has striven to reach and still keeps on striving. We may have a proud heritage, but we likewise have a serious responsibility of justifying our continued existence in terms of public usefulness and charity towards our neighbor, in terms of seeking his good equally with our own. Surely in the appalling condition of the world today we have a duty to perform, not only as Freemasons, but also as citizens of the great Empire to which we belong, in using our united influence to make sure that after the war there will be ushered in an era of permanent peace and goodwill. We would like to think of a day when there will be no more strife and bitterness, no more war and bloodshed; of a time "When man, though not loving his country less, shall, more than country, love his fellow man,"—a time when Tennyson's prophecy in Locksley Hall shall be realized:

"Till the war-drum throbb'd no longer, and the battle-flags were furl'd
In the parliament of man, the Federation of the World.

There the common sense of most shall hold a fretful realm in awe,
And the kindly earth shall slumber, lapt in universal law."

WEST VIRGINIA, 1942 (Grand Master)

During the year that is now history, since last we assembled in the capacity of the Most Worshipful Grand

Lodge of Masons in this state, much has happened that one year ago it was earnestly hoped might be avoided. We as a nation are now engaged in the most gigantic, the most cruel, the most destructive, and the most costly war the world has ever known—waged on the one part for the most dastardly motives which have ever actuated mankind, and upon the other part waged not only to repel and destroy the evil forces and motives but for the accomplishment of the greatest goal on earth: "Peace on earth; good will to man," that fundamental principle of freedom proclaimed by the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe whose teachings we Masons adore, whose brotherhood and divinity we acknowledge, and for Him, His cause and His teachings the life blood of millions of men have been freely shed.

In the great strife now in progress and for which we hope and pray there shall be an early and honorable end, we realize and know that Freemasons, as citizens and as soldiers and sailors, are doing and have persistently done their part, always freely, willingly and consistently. And many are the souls of our brothers who will be waiting at the four corners of the earth for that final day when they will be called to hear said of them: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

We can say in truth that as individuals, as men, as brethren, and as Masons, since we have been forced into the hell of this Hun and Jap warfare, compelled by insults, hostile acts, dastardly deeds of warfare against us, and in the interest of the human race and for the sake of civilization and to promote the prosperity and happiness of all peoples, we wholeheartedly have done what we can, and we must continue to do all within our might and power, to further the cause in which civilization and decency are so vitally interested. I can do no better than to admonish all brother Masons to hold fast to the ancient faith and teachings of our Order, and to apply them to their daily intercourse and affairs with mankind; and that they think individually, collectively and carefully upon all the momentous questions that these times present in the present and in the future, and that they follow no man or school of thought blindly and without consideration. A crisis of death is here; a crisis for the living is and will be. But, be assured that when we put our shoulders against the burden, it will move in the right direction with speed.

If I may, and I know I may, I solemnly pledge the power and strength of the Freemasons of West Virginia to whatever service our brother, the Commander in Chief, may need in this war.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1942 (Grand Master)

Starting out in the lengthening shadows of Pearl Harbour, the year ahead appeared to be filled with forebodings of ill, many of which, however, failed to become realities. On the contrary, as the year progressed, it has been forcefully brought home to us that we have much for which to be thankful. Despite the clouds of world turmoil which hang so heavily over us, we have not undergone the sufferings of our brethren across the seas, and in this beloved Country of ours are still able to practice our Masonry without restraint. We have scarcely been touched by the war to date and in a world largely suppressed by dictators we still enjoy the privileges accorded a free people. In a world suffering from hunger we still are abundantly supplied with the necessities of life. In a world largely denying the existence of a Supreme Being, we can still worship God according to our own dictates and as Masons should with grateful hearts publicly acknowledge our debt of gratitude to the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1942 (Grand Master)

Grand Master Joseph B. Hyde reports universal harmony exists throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, and has formed the opinion that Masonry in the State is in an excellent state of activity.

ARIZONA, 1942 (Grand Master)

The Grand Master referring to the condition of Masonry in his Jurisdiction reports that it is in a healthful condition.

VICTORIA, 1941 (Grand Secretary)

The Grand Secretary reports two new Lodges have been constituted, and an increase of 462 in membership.

IOWA, 1942 (Grand Master)

Masonry in Iowa reached its high point in membership in 1926. Since then there has been a decrease each year until this year. The Grand Secretary's report shows we have had a small increase this year. While it is only 120, yet it is enough to show that we are not continually on the decline in membership.

We are now in a prosperous and flourishing condition. It is a year when harmony has prevailed in practically all of its activities. We have had but few controversial matters to deal with. Its finances are in excellent condition. There are less back dues from the subordinate lodges unpaid than there have been for many years. Lodge meetings are well attended. The members are taking more interest in them than they have in the past.

INDIANA, 2942 (Grand Master)

In spite of the international situation which has turned half the world into a shambles, Masonry has flourished in Indiana. Perhaps it is for the same reason that religion seems to prosper when the world is in adversity. When the forces of Might and Materialism are in the ascendancy, clear-thinking and high-minded people turn to things spiritual.

So Masonry has increased in our Grand Jurisdiction. There has been a big downward curve in our membership records since the beginning of the depression years. In 1940 the curve leveled off and started slowly upward, showing a small net gain for that year. In 1941 we enjoyed the largest increase shown in any recent year. During 1941, our Lodges raised no less than 4,064 men to the degree of Master Mason. With all losses deducted, we still have a net gain for the year of 1,431, to bring our total membership at the close of the year to 107,242.

RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS, 1942

(Committee on Lodge Reports)

The Committee on Lodge Reports have been examining the various Treasurers' Reports, and having been asked the question as to what is the cause of the Lodges not being able to live within their means, their reply to this is quoted for our readers' information as your reviewer is in accord with the committee.

We think there are three very important items that are the cause.

First and above all is the Masters themselves. Many Masters do not seem to have the executive ability to govern the spending of money. They seem to think that the money of the Lodge is there for the sole purpose of being spent. They do not use the same prudence in spending the Lodge's money that they use in their own financial affairs.

We have suggested before in our reports that if the affairs of the Lodge were Budgeted at the start and adhered to as closely as possible there would be considerable difference at the end of the year over the entire Jurisdiction.

We have also furnished Percentages of various items of expense taken from those Lodges who have consistently shown how to successfully run their affairs. If any Master will read over the report in the proceedings of the Annual Grand Lodge Meeting held May 19th, 1941, they will there find Percentages that will enable them to operate successfully. We do not say that they are a cure all but they will definitely help.

In the second reason we think that the Salaries paid to those Officers who by reason of the By-laws are reimbursed for their efforts are in many cases too high for the Income of the Lodge. We do not say that it is true in all Lodges, but it is so in quite a few.

Thirdly. Printing, postage and stationery is another item that is very high. Now in many cases this is caused by the Secretaries themselves. Originally the Secretary's duties consisted largely in seeing that the members received notice of the various activities of their Lodge. He did this himself as well as addressing the envelopes for that purpose.

Then the printers got busy and by showing that it was easier to print than to write the large number of notices and also by the use of an addressograph machine to print the envelopes, they won over the Secretaries. Now it has gotten out of line.

Many will probably not like these reasons and insist that there are other reasons why. We will grant that there may be, but any one who studies the figures as we have cannot fail to see why we give such a report.

In a few cases the Refreshment and Entertaining items are out of all proportion, but that only confirms our first reason, i.e., the Masters.

After all is said we come back to that same comment so often made but not acted upon: Watch who is appointed in line and as those appointments are made, so goes the Lodge.

Any man who has lived up to his obligation taken upon being installed as Master and hewed to the line will not be far wrong and while he may not please those who are looking to get all they can from the Lodge for as little as they can pay, he will have the satisfaction of having done his duty and the Lodge cannot but help to benefit from such service.

For several years we have tried to bring to this Grand Lodge in as pleasant a way as we could the need for more closely watching the Lodge affairs. The results have not been what we would have liked because the reports have not been used to advantage.

In this report we have tried to more forcibly remind the whole Jurisdiction that something will have to be done or there will come a day that will cause many to say, "Why didn't we do something while there was time."

NORTH CAROLINA, 1942 (Grand Master)

I report to you that the petitions for degrees received in 1941 were about 37% more than those received in 1940; further, the petitions received during the first two months of 1942 indicate that we may anticipate the reception of about 17% more petitions this year than during 1941. I believe that our administration leaves the Craft in an enthusiastic and optimistic attitude; that better days are ahead and that a healthy, numerical growth of the Fraternity is in prospect. From the east to the west and from the north to the south, Masonry is all right in North Carolina.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1942 (Grand Master)

I am happy to report to you that a renewed interest in Masonry has been manifested in this Grand Jurisdiction during the Masonic year now rapidly drawing to a close. Young men in increasing numbers have been attracted to our fraternity, and I believe have found in our principles something which will make them Masons in spirit as well as in name, and which will serve as a basis for renewed interest in the principles of Free Masonry. While it is perhaps over-optimistic to say that all is well with the Craft, I can truthfully say that peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction and that a spirit of brotherly love is manifest, that on the whole ours is today a militant Masonry and that the Craft realizes its high obligation and is willing and ready to assume that obligation. I have unbounded faith in the continuance of a vital Masonry in North Dakota. I am very pleased and greatly encouraged in the splendid reports received from my District Deputy Grand Masters, indicating renewed activity on the part of most of the constituent lodges.

VIRGINIA, 1942 (Grand Master)

From many reports received from various sections, and from my observations in my travels throughout the Grand Jurisdiction, I believe our lodges are in good condition. The attendance has improved, collection of dues is larger, much new material is being received into the lodges and there is evidence of a renewed interest in Masonry in all its branches.

MONTANA, 1942 (Grand Master)

I have to report that in general, the condition of the craft is good. I was told in my official visits to the various member lodges of many petitions for the degrees of Masonry received, and many Master Mason's degrees conferred. I was under the impression that our membership would show a considerable increase in numbers as compared to the last year's enrollment. I am informed that our records will show a small loss in membership for the past year.

This is not surprising in view of present conditions. A large part of our new members come from the class that is subject to call for enrollment in the armed forces of our country, that is those aged from twenty-one to forty-five years; many others have left their homes to go to the West Coast and elsewhere to work in the war industries. We need only look about us in our own communities to note the hundreds and even thousands of our young men who are absent, and who are engaged in our defense or in defense industries. We may expect a loss each year during the duration of the present war, but it is possible that at its close, as in 1919 and years following the First World War, we may have a great increase in membership.

Peace and harmony have prevailed; suspensions for non-payment of dues have decreased, reinstatements have increased; the local lodges generally, but with few exceptions, are prospering; lodge indebtedness is being reduced, or entirely discharged in some instances.

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT

WASHINGTON, 1942 (Grand Master)

A FIVE-POINT PROGRAM

On September 15, 1941, I sent a bulletin to my thirty District Deputy Grand Masters outlining a five-point program for the year. In this bulletin I pointed out the five common weaknesses of a Lodge and suggested, under five paragraphs, how these weaknesses might be partially corrected or at least strengthened. In determining the common ailments of a Lodge I used the analogy of a doctor examining a patient; how he would first test the pulse, temperature, heart and blood, and if it was then necessary he would use every other test known to medical science. He would determine the cause, locate the weak or affected parts, after which the treatment would be prescribed or the remedy administered. In like manner we should X-ray our own case. By a careful study we would find many of our Lodges with Five Weaknesses—five weak spots needing examination and attention. Space will not permit me to go into any lengthy detail, so here they are in brief form:

THE FIVE COMMON WEAKNESSES

(1) Lack of Leadership in Our Lodges—
Worshipful Masters and Officers have not the ability, or have not the inspiration to plan and work.

(2) Lack of Proper Lodge Management—
Meetings are poorly conducted, not interesting, too

slow, and draggy — too late at night. Many Lodge rooms are too big and barny for the average attendance. Improper ventilation and poor acoustics.

(3) Lack of Well Planned Programs—
No preliminary arrangements made to organize good programs.

(4) Lack of Genuine Spirit of Fellowship—
Officers are cold and unfriendly.

(5) Lack of Inter-Lodge Visitations—
No inspiration to emulate the good work and fellowship of other Lodges.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

CANADA (in Ontario), 1942 (Grand Master)

To the corps of District Deputy Grand Masters I tender my very sincere thanks for their loyalty, zeal and devotion and I express my appreciation of the earnest manner in which they have so faithfuly and acceptably discharged the duties of their high office. The honour and reputation of the Craft in their respective districts is in no small or unimportant measure in the hands of these representatives of the Grand Master. This consideration has weighed heavily in the past and should continue to weigh even more heavily in the future in the selection that districts make for this very important office. Districts know this well and in general choose, from year to year among the Past Masters, available men well fitted to occupy the important and distinguished post of District Deputy Grand Master. Signs are not wanting that, however well intentioned the actions of some districts may be, they do not always maintain the proper standard of excellence in their choice. Too often local considerations are allowed to intrude to too great an extent in the selection of the District Deputy Grand Master. A rotational system such as seems to be in vogue in some districts by which in effect districts transfer their responsibility in the matter to a lodge, may have some points of merit but these are greatly outweighed by marked weaknesses. These demerits do not enhance the prestige of Masonry or make for the best interests of the Craft. "Passing the honours around," as the phrase goes, is but a poor excuse for choosing one who is not thoroughly qualified to assume high duties and to discharge adequately important responsibilities. Districts should never lose sight of the fact that the District Deputy Grand Master, chosen and installed, is at once the representative of the Grand Master and of Grand Lodge in that district and is one who by his life and conduct as well as his zeal for the Order should have merited the esteem of his brethren. If a prospective choice cannot measure up to these requirements no consideration of the so-called claims of a lodge, and still less so of an individual, should be placed before the true interests of the Fraternity.

There has been placed in my hands a letter written by a District Deputy Grand Master on his official stationery directing attention to the candidature of an aspirant for Grand Lodge office. Inasmuch as this letter was written to a member of the Grand Lodge not known personally to the writer it was felt by the recipient, and I concur fully in the view, that the bounds of Masonic propriety had been overstepped, although perhaps quite inadvertently. A Distrist Deputy Grand Master or other Grand Lodge official cannot be too careful in remembering at all times his official rank and acting in a manner that will maintain the prestige of his office and thereby of Grand Lodge.

VIRGINIA, 1942 (Grand Master)

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

The office of District Deputy Grand Master is one of great importance and responsibility, and should be filled only by competent, well-informed brethren, who are ready and willing to sacrifice their time and talent to furthering the best interests of the lodges in their respective districts and Masonry in general. He is the personal representative in his district of the Grand Master, and as such, he should keep in close touch with every lodge in his district, acquaint himself with their condition, assist them in their problems and render any service that will promote their general welfare.

I feel that I have been very fortunate, that as a whole, I have been favored with a very efficient corps of District Deputies. Early in the year I sent out a circular letter to my District Deputies, outlining my objectives and desires. The response to this letter from so many, with the assurance of their desire to co-operate, was a source of great satisfaction and I am very happy indeed to report that this assurance has been fully justified.

I wish to make acknowledgment at this time of the splendid courtesy, consideration and attention my District Deputies have shown me in connection with my visitations in their districts. It has been a great pleasure to me to meet and know many of them personally, which privilege I had not previously enjoyed. I extend to each one of them individually my sincere thanks for a service well rendered.

LEGISLATION

OREGON, 1942 (Grand Master)

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

There will be submitted to you, during this session, as a part of the Grand Master's program, four suggested amendments to the By-Laws relative to the Grand Lodge.

The first embodies a plan which is in successful operation in a number of Grand Jurisdictions, particularly in those of California and Idaho to my own knowledge, whereby there is some assurance that only brethren who are reasonably well qualified to perform the work of Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, or Senior Deacon, as the case may be, will be installed in such offices. This plan provides for the examination of Masters and Wardens-elect, and of Senior Deacons-appointed, by the District Deputy Grand Masters of their districts, and the issuance of certificates of proficiency to those found qualified. I am aware that the proposal may arouse some disquiet in your minds, but I suggest to you that the good of Masonry renders it imperative that the younger brethren, who are going through the chairs, should be required to attain a reasonable proficiency in the ritual, and should not be permitted to rely upon conscripting one or two Past Masters into service to confer the degrees for them. I hope that you will give this matter serious consideration. It is not my intention that absolute proficiency should be insisted upon, but only reasonable proficiency, and I think that reasonable proficiency is the least that we should require of our officers, and the least that they should ask us to approve.

WAR EFFORT

CANADA (in Ontario), 1942 (Grand Master)

WAR SERVICE COMMITTEE

Following the action of Grand Lodge of a year ago this Committee, composed of the same members as last year with the addition of R.W. Bro. C. M. Pitts, of Ottawa, and under the chairmanship of M.W. Bro. F. A. Copus, has been continued in office and throughout the year they have done most excellent work. The Committee continued to arrange for the comfort of those relatives of British Masons who came to Canada but found unexpectedly that exchange regulations would not permit them to receive money from the home land. The major work of the Committee lay in the prosecution of the continuance of the appeal for the Fund known as the Grand Lodge British War Relief Fund. This original appeal was made about March 1st, 1941, and when Grand Lodge met a year ago the report was made that the members of the Craft had contributed in the short space of a little over four months, $115,000. This year our efforts on behalf of this Fund have spread over a period beginning last September and I am happy to report that another $115,000 and more had been contributed and that contributions are still coming in. This splendid result has been achieved under the energetic efforts and leadership of this Committee.

Much credit and praise must be given to the Deputy Grand Master who assumed the onerous duty of chief organizer when it was decided to set an objective and make allocations to the districts and they in turn to the lodges in order that the objective might be reached and that every member might be informed of the size of the contribution which he might be expected to make.

This large sum has come in from month to month and it has enabled Grand Lodge to send substantial sums regularly to the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland. The warmest and most deep-felt thanks have been repeatedly sent to us as these gifts have been acknowledged month by month. The letters received show most clearly how welcome this assistance has been in relieving quickly the urgent needs of those who have been the innocent victims of insensate, dastardly attack. We can be humbly proud that in these grave days of peril we did not fail to come to the relief and aid of our stricken brethren who have suffered so much and who are resisting the enemy with the greatest valour and fortitude.

Theirs and ours is the struggle still until the armed forces of the British Empire and its great Allies shall emerge victorious and despotism and tyranny with all its accompaniments of brutality and savagery shall be subdued and conquered. Notwithstanding the increasing pressure of events and the severe taxation that is to be levied to maintain and increase our efforts here, notwithstanding sacrifices that must be made, we of this Grand Lodge cannot forget the plight of our brethren in Britain and therefore we must continue to go to their aid in the days of their trial and affliction.

The contribution we have made is but one side of the manner in which our Masonic principles are being exemplified. As it were we have done this in our full stride, for our own benevolent work, which has always formed so large a part of our Masonic practice, has been maintained in its full extent and amplitude. Again, as I have had the opportunity of becoming more intimately acquainted with this great work of which we can be justly proud, I must add my word of praise to the most admirable and sympathetic work of the Supervisor of Benevolence, M.W. Bro. Dargavel.

ODDS AND ENDS

OREGON, 1942 (Grand Master)

A member of Island Lodge No. 5, F. & A.M., at Fort Mills, Corregidor, Philippine Islands, presented to one of our lodges documentary evidence showing that he was in good standing in his lodge, and moreover gave satisfactory proof that he is a Master Mason. The territory of his lodge having been invaded and occupied by forces of the Japanese Empire, and the lodge having for that reason temporarily ceased to function, this brother, being desirous of retaining the right of visitation, tendered to our lodge the amount of his annual dues. That lodge referred the matter to me.

No established precedent appears to exist covering such a situation. The same question has been presented to various Grand Masters in the United States since the beginning of the present war with Japan, and various rulings have been made thereon. Some Grand Masters have ruled that Grand Lodge should accept the dues and hold them in trust for the brother's home lodge, while others have refused to take any action in the premises.

After careful consideration, I felt that Masonry owed a duty to this brother, and to others similarly situated, to take action which would permit him to enjoy the rights of a Master Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction. I ruled therefore that in such a case, provided the brother produces documentary evidence that his dues were not delinquent up to and including December 7, 1941, the Grand Secretary may receive his dues, and may issue him a Grand Lodge receipt certifying the brother's Masonic standing in his home lodge as evidenced by his official receipt, acknowledging receipt of his current dues, and specifically giving him the right to visit in any Oregon Lodge. This certificate should be signed by the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master, and by the Grand Secretary. The dues thus received by the Grand Secretary shall be held by the Grand Lodge in trust for the brother's home lodge until such time as such home lodge shall resume its functions.

Before ruling on this matter, I conferred with the Grand Lodge Trustees, who concurred in my opinion as to what should be done in the premises.

WAR EMERGENCIES EFFORT

OKLAHOMA, 1942 (Committee on Finance and Appropriations)

In keeping with the spirit of our Nation, and due to the emergency now existing, we, your Committee on Finance and Appropriations, respectfully suggest to this Grand Lodge that we join other patriotic organizations in carrying out the wishes and suggestions of our President and our Commander-in-chief in conserving time, labor and materials through the "duration."

Your Committee believes that the Grand Lodge can assist in this movement by a shorter session of the Grand Lodge, curtailment of paper and material by eliminating many items now appearing in the annual Proceedings, and that our Constituent Lodges can also be of great assistance by limiting their requests to the Grand Secretary's office for unnecessary information or supplies, and we respectfully urge the Constituent Lodges to be considerate of the valuable time and privately owned automobiles of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary and not to request unnecessary visitations.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1942 (Grand Master)

RAZOR BLADES FOR BRITAIN

With the approval of the Grand Master, a campaign was instituted for the collection of new razor blades for men of Britain. This was in connection with the national campaign, of which Lowell Thomas is National Chairman. The Masonic Lodges, Chapters, Councils and Commanderies of New Hampshire responded handsomely; the initial shipment to headquarters in New York consisting of 13,277 blades. Several thousand blades have been received since and are now awaiting count, acknowledgment and shipping.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1942 (Grand Master)

WAR RELIEF FUND

"I should like to commend the lodges on their efforts towards building up the War Relief Fund. This has been a purely voluntary contribution, and has been responsible for raising just over £1,000 since the Fund was established at the last October Communication.

The creation of this Fund introduced a new phase of Masonic Benevolence, if it can be so called. It was prompted by the thought that, as so many of our brethren were offering for service in the Fighting Forces, some provision should be made by us who are remaining at home for those who may return war-worn or even incapacitated and need the helping hand to assist them in their rehabilitation.

If, unfortunately, we may be called upon to respond to the appeal of widows and children of those who may not return, the disbursement of this Fund will be a privilege as well as a duty that we hope we shall be able to embrace to its fullest extent.

The purpose of founding this war effort, apart from the benevolent fund, was that the Board felt that those applicants facing war disabilities should not be expected to ask for assistance from the usual Masonic source. The services they would have rendered to their country placed them in a different category to those who had, through adverse circumstances, been reduced in their enjoyment of the good things of this life.

Freemasons, as citizens, are no less responsible than other citizens to the many demands made by the innumerable efforts to supply comforts and the little extras to the Fighting Forces, nor are they unaware of the magnificent work done for the sick and wounded by colossal organisations such as the Red Cross, Fighting Forces Comforts Fund and other Societies. The effort of this Grand Lodge, however, is a real Masonic effort—relying solely on the benevolence of our own brethren for the relief of those who may return suffering as the result of the war, or those who may have been bereaved and need the helping hand.

Although we may all hope that there will be few calls on the fund and that, with the amount voted tonight, all requirements will be met, it would be promoting a situation of false security to relax our efforts for a moment. It is necessary to carry on until every call is answered, and these efforts must be sustained so that none may not receive adequate consideration."

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SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, met in Annual Communication in the Fort Garry Hotel, in the City of Winnipeg, June 7th, 1944, and was opened in Ample Form by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. Ben. C. Parker, at 2:35 p.m., prayer being offered by R.W. Bro. Rev. J. L. McInnis, Grand Chaplain.

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R.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan (113), Brandon	Junior Grand Warden
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V.W. Bro. James Irwin (127), Winnipeg	Junior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. Wilfred Lawson (139), Wpg.	Senior Grand Steward
W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe (93), Wpg.	as Junior Grand Steward
Bro. J. Leslie Poynter (130), Winnipeg	as Grand Organist
W. Bro. Sid. Foreman (4), Winnipeg	As Grand Pursuivant
V.W. Bro. C. J. Last (3), Winnipeg	Grand Tyler
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Deloraine .... D.D.G.M. 6th Masonic District
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M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (130)
M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd (140)

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THE DORMER LODGE No. 151:

W. Bro. G. Ball .... M.
Bro. C. H. Wells .... S.W.
Bro. E. Taylor ..... J.W.

W. Bro. S. R. Bird
W. Bro. W. G. Brisley
W. Bro. J. Elder
W. Bro. A. E. Longstaffe
W. Bro. F. Redgwell
W. Bro. R. W. Ross

FOXWAREN LODGE No. 152:

Bro. W. R. Hall..... S.W.
Bro. E. H. Ranson... J.W.

FLIN FLON LODGE No. 153:

W. Bro. G. T. Boam...... M.

PINE FALLS LODGE No. 154:

W. Bro. J. J. Jackson..... M.

W. Bro. Wm. Bird
W. Bro. A. T. McFadden
W. Bro. D. C. Robertson
W. Bro. E. F. Tanner

CARMAN LODGE No. 155:

W. Bro. G. W. Weaver . . M.	R.W. Bro. A. W. Badger
Bro. A. E. Shewfelt . . S.W.	W. Bro. M. Dorfman
	W. Bro. J. Maddison
	W. Bro. J. Millroy

MANITOUWAPA LODGE No. 156:

Bro. H. S. Rutherford . S.W.	W. Bro. D. Ferguson

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker, gave a hearty welcome to all present, and expressed sincere regret at the absence of R.W. Bro. C. R. Sayer, on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Sayer, and suggested that flowers be sent from this Grand Lodge.

GIFT OF GAVELS

The Grand Master expressed his thanks and appreciation to W. Bro. R. C. Scanes (1) for his gift of three Gavels to Grand Lodge, made from an oak log taken from the foundation of the old St. John's Cathedral, erected in 1823, after the building had been destroyed by fire, and included in his remarks that Bro. Wm. Prophet (111) had assisted W. Bro. Scanes by making the Gavels.

PRESENTATION OF FIFTY-YEAR MEDAL

A Fifty-year Medal was presented to Bro. Alfred J. Andrews, K.C., by M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence, K.C.

Both being well-known members of the legal profession, the presentation address of M.W. Bro. Lawrence was very appropriate to the occasion; Bro. Andrews expressed his grateful thanks for the presentation.

ADOPTING REGULATIONS

Moved by R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell (114), seconded by R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3), that the regulations for conducting the Sessions of Grand Lodge be adopted as printed. Carried.

READING OF MINUTES

Moved by W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell (114), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman (93), that the Minutes of the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, having been printed in the Proceedings, be taken as read. Carried.

REPORT OF NOMINATIONS

The Grand Secretary reported the following nominations had been received for the Grand Lodge Officers, Board of General Purposes and District Deputy Grand Masters:

Grand Master:
R.W. Bro. Samuel Burland, Stonewall Lodge No. 12.

Deputy Grand Master:
R.W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey, Ionic Lodge No. 25.

Senior Grand Warden:
R.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan, Tweed Lodge No. 113.

Junior Grand Warden:
R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington, Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1.
R.W. Bro. Chas. A. Midwinter, Acacia Lodge No. 111.
W. Bro. Frank E. Simmons, Kildonan Lodge No. 131.
R.W. Bro. Geo. E. Miles, Capitol Lodge No. 136.
R.W. Bro. Harry B. Donnelly, Windsor Lodge No. 138.

Grand Treasurer:
R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.

Grand Secretary:
R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell, "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114.

Grand Chaplain:
W. Bro. Rev. Harry Brownlee Wallace, Emerson Lodge No. 6
W. Bro. Rev. J. B. Francis, Kilwinning Lodge No. 110.
W. Bro. Rabbi Solomon Frank, Mt. Sinai Lodge No. 143.

Grand Historian:
M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, St. John's Lodge No. 4.

Grand Director of Ceremonies:
R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman, King Edward Lodge No. 93.

Grand Librarian:
R.W. Bro. Rev. C. E. Somerset, Lisgar Lodge No. 2.

Board of General Purposes:
R.W. Bro. R. M. Muckle, Lisgar Lodge No. 2.
W. Bro. Stephen J. Sametz, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.
W. Bro. S. M. Stephens, Assiniboine Lodge No. 7.
W. Bro. Wilford J. McGregor, Gladstone Lodge No. 11.
W. Bro. J. F. Irwin, Neepawa Lodge No. 24.
R.W. Bro. Harvey T. Waters, Ionic Lodge No. 25.
R.W. Bro. G. A. McMorran, Glenwood Lodge No. 27.
R.W. Bro. Oscar S. Ross, Lebanon Lodge No. 43.
R.W. Bro. John C. Bate, Killarney Lodge No. 50.
R.W. Bro. George E. Keyes, East Star Lodge No. 55.
W. Bro. Robert E. Emmett, St. James Lodge No. 121.
W. Bro. Jas. Wardrope, Empire Lodge No. 127.
W. Bro. Othello W. Crowther, Empire Lodge No. 127.
W. Bro. Alex. E. Duff, Fort Garry Lodge No. 130.
V.W. Bro. W. Paterson, Capitol Lodge No. 136.
R.W. Bro. David Griffith, Windsor Lodge No. 138.
V.W. Bro. Sydney W. Robertson, Beaver Lodge No. 139.
R.W. Bro. Hugh Mackenzie, Meridian Lodge No. 140.
W. Bro. Alfred T. Woolston, Meridian Lodge No. 140.
W. Bro. Albert E. Longstaffe, The Dormer Lodge No. 151.

District Deputy Grand Masters:

First Masonic District:
W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.

Second Masonic District:
W. Bro. T. E. Squire, McCreary Lodge No. 133.

Third Masonic District:
W. Bro. Harry Zachary, Holland Lodge No. 63.

Fourth Masonic District:
W. Bro. Frank B. Lynes, Crystal Lodge No. 71.

Fifth Masonic District:
W. Bro. Wallace D. Berwick, Miniota Lodge No. 102.

Sixth Masonic District:
W. Bro. Thomas A. Taylor, Napinka Lodge No. 77.

Seventh Masonic District:
W. Bro. W. A. Prugh, Tweed Lodge No. 113.

Eighth Masonic District:
W. Bro. Leslie C. Welsh, Patricia Lodge No. 125.

Ninth Masonic District:
W. Bro. Fred Starr, Roblin Lodge No. 122.

Tenth Masonic District:
W. Bro. Donald C. Robertson, Pine Falls Lodge No. 154.

Twelfth Masonic District:
W. Bro. George P. Fairbairn, Fort Garry Lodge No. 130.
W. Bro. David MacKay, Meridian Lodge No. 140.
W. Bro. Thos. B. Findlay, Fort Osborne Lodge No. 144.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following letter was received from our Grand Librarian, who is enjoying life at 91½ years of age:

370 Evelyn St.,
Selkirk, Man.
June 5th, 1944.

R.W. Bro. Russell,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.
My Dear Brother:

I have been hoping against hope that I would be able to attend the meeting of Grand Lodge on June 7th, but I have to yield, I cannot trust myself to be present . . . . I am not in a condition to be far from home . . . . I cannot get about. It is no easy thing for me to drive a pen . . . my hand is not steady! Not that I am really ill, but my right side is all wrong!

So, will you please present my greetings to the Brethren, and convey my greetings from the Grand Lodge of British Columbia . . . . I shall be with you in spirit.

Yours fraternally,
C. E. SOMERSET.

Regrets for absence were also received from M.W. Bro. Justice W. J. Major, and R.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy, both being away on business.

Greetings were received from several of our Grand Representatives and others:

W. Bro. Lloyd Peabody, St. Paul, Minnesota.
Ill. Bro. Porter A. Roberts (33rd Degree), Portland, Maine.
Ill. Bro. B. H. Groff (33rd Degree), Topeka, Kansas.
W. Bro. Christian H. Sorge, New York City, N.Y.
M.W. Bro. Sam. Harris, High Prairie, Alberta.
W. Bro. A. Horace Winchester, Brattleboro, Vermont.
R.W. Bro. Rev. G. R. Thompson, Truro, Nova Scotia.
The Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES
1944

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes begs to report as follows:

The work of Grand Lodge between the different communications is carried out by the Board of General Purposes through its several Committees and the Grand Lodge Officers. Much more is being demanded of these Officers and Committees today, and often their efforts are limited because of limited financial resources. Only the Constituent Lodges can supply the necessary funds to extend the work of Grand Lodge, as it is from the yearly dues that Grand Lodge derives its revenues. It is also well known that the dollar of today will hardly purchase as much as the dollar of 1930. Then, the membership was over 12,000, whereas today, it is about 10,000. It is therefore necessary, that the members of Grand Lodge should give careful consideration to the increasing of the revenue of Grand Lodge so that our work may be extended and kept up to date.

During the year, the Board held eight meetings in all. The following is a summary of these meetings:

MEETING HELD THURSDAY, JUNE 3rd, 1943

(19 Present)

The inaugural meeting of the Board was held at the close of Grand Lodge for the purpose of organization. The Deputy Grand Master by virtue of his office, became President of the Board and R.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey was elected Vice-President.

A Nominating Committee was elected to bring in nominations for the various Standing Committees. Those elected were: M.W. Bro. Canon G. R. Calvert, Chairman; M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence, M.W. Bro. Harry Woods, M.W. Bro. George Hunter and R.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey.

MEETING HELD FRIDAY, JUNE 25th, 1943

(24 Present)

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented and adopted.

A letter was received from Chungking Lodge, China, thanking this Grand Lodge for its generous donation to their appeal for Masonic Relief in China. A copy of this letter was ordered to be sent each District Deputy Grand Master to be brought before the Constituent Lodges in every District for information of the work of our War Relief Committee and to urge the brethren to help carry on this good work.

Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1, wrote requesting that sufficient copies of the Notice sent out before the Grand Lodge Communication be made for all Masters, Wardens and Past Masters. This request was referred to the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry.

The Tenth Masonic District wished to know whether Kildonan, The Dormer and Seven Oaks Lodges were included in the Greater Winnipeg Area or outside of that Area. This matter was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals, for consideration and report.

Empire Lodge No. 127 sent, to the Grand Secretary, a resolution asking that all meetings of Grand Lodge be suspended for the duration of the present war and for one year after. The

Grand Secretary had received the letter on May 17th, too late to be presented to Grand Lodge and the Lodge was so informed. The Board passed the following resolution:

> "That this Board concurs in the decision of the Grand Secretary that notice of motion submitted by Empire Lodge No. 127 was not in order, but that Empire Lodge be advised that any member of Grand Lodge may submit a notice of motion for consideration at the next annual Communication of Grand Lodge."

MEETING HELD FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th, 1943

(22 Present)

Shoal Lake Lodge No. 92 asked the Board's approval to purchase the Town's Old Power Station for a Lodge room. The D.D.G.M. Bro. Wiltsey reported that the premises were suited for Lodge purposes after the necessary renovations had been made. The M.W. the Grand Master had given the Lodge temporary permission to go ahead with arrangements until the Board meeting. The Board now empowered the Lodge to complete arrangements for the purchase of the property.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals reported as follows on the question from the Tenth Masonic District and referred to it:

> "In the opinion of your Committee, the Grand Secretary was justified in requesting that the nomination by Flin Flon Lodge No. 153 of W. Bro. F. E. Simmons of Kildonan Lodge No. 131 for the office of Junior Grand Warden at the last communication of Grand Lodge be withdrawn upon the authority of the unwritten agreement we believe to exist whereby City and Country members be nominated in alternate years for the Office of Junior Grand Warden, and because 1943 was the year for a Country member to be elected to that Office. Further, in the opinion of your Committee, Kildonan, the Dormer and Seven Oaks Lodges are City Lodges within the intention of the Agreement. Your Committee recommends to this Board that the unwritten agreement referred to above, together with all other unwritten agreements supposed to prevail in this Jurisdiction be either made constitutional or abolished."

The report was sent back to the Committee for reconsideration. The M.W. Grand Master gave a very full interim report of the Grand Masters' Conference at Banff.

MEETING HELD FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19th, 1943
(32 Present)

The members of the Board stood in silence for a few moments on hearing of the death of R.W. Bro. E. G. Hunt, an Honorary member. Feeling reference was made to his work for Freemasonry and a letter of condolence was sent to Mrs. Hunt, expressing the sympathy and sincere regret of this Board at her great loss.

Lisgar Lodge No. 2, wrote the Board concerning the mortgage situation on its Temple. A personal canvass of the members had been made and sufficient funds had been raised to cancel the mortgage. The Board heartily congratulated the Lodge on its efforts in this matter and complimented it on placing their problem in the hands of M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence to complete negotiations.

Letters from the First and Twelfth Masonic Districts relative to the question of concurrent Jurisdiction throughout the Greater Winnipeg area were laid on the table until the next Board meeting.

The report of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry was presented and dealt with clause by clause.

1. The Banff Conference had suggested that the M.W. the Grand Master appoint a Committee on "Post-War Youth Rehabilitation." The Grand Master appointed the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry to look after the work.

2. The Committee recommended that 1,000 copies of the Tyler's Oath be printed and distributed through the Lodges.

3. The letter of the 25th of June from Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1 re publicity for the Annual Communication was recommended to be dealt with as follows: "That the Grand Secretary be instructed to have printed as soon as possible after the date set by the Constitution for receiving notices of motions reamendments to the Constitution, copies of all such proposed amendments and of the Notice for the Communication of Grand Lodge; that copies be mailed to the Constituent Lodges for distribution to Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Secretaries in each Lodge; and that the best co-operation to this end with the Grand Secretary be requested of all committees and persons concerned.

4. Re restoration to membership after one year's suspension for N.P.D., the Committee recommends: "That Section 229 of

the Constitution be so amended that an application for restoration after the lapse of one year from the date of suspension receive the same treatment as if such application were made for affiliation, and further, that the Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals be asked to submit at the next regular meeting of the Board, notice of an appropriate amendment to the Constitution to implement the recommendation."

MEETING HELD FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 1944

(30 Present)

A letter containing the following motion from Norwood Lodge No. 119 was read: "That their Lodge notify the Grand Lodge of Manitoba that subject to reciprocal arrangements being made with Lodges in Districts One and Twelve, we would grant waiver of Jurisdiction rights held by this Lodge."

The Grand Secretary was instructed to write Norwood Lodge No. 119 and to the Tenth and Twelfth Masonic Districts, explaining the action of the Board and the method to be followed to have the matter prepared to present to Grand Lodge if they so wished.

The Committee on Masonic Research and Education reported as follows on the proposed Directory of Masonic Lodges:

"Your Committee has given careful consideration to a request from Bro. C. S. Evenden for permission to publish a a 'Manitoba Masonic Directory' and recommends that permission be refused."

This was adopted and the Grand Secretary was to send a copy of the Minute to Bro. Evenden.

The following amendments to the Constitution enlarging on the report of the Jurisprudence and Appeals Committee report of September 17th, 1943, were submitted:

That Section 2 of the Constitution be amended by adding thereto the following sub-section:

(n) Greater Winnipeg is the aggregate territory contained within the limits of the following corporations in the Province of Manitoba, namely, the City of Winnipeg, the City of St. Boniface, the Town of Tuxedo, and the Municipal Corporations of Assiniboia, Brooklands, Charleswood, Fort Garry, Old Kildonan, East Kildonan, West Kildonan, St. James and St. Vital.

That Section 27 of the Constitution be amended by adding thereto the following sub-sections:

(a) In the year 1945 and in each alternate year thereafter, only members of the Grand Lodge whose respective residences are in that part of the Province of Manitoba, outside of Greater Winnipeg, shall be eligible for nomination for or election to the Office of Junior Grand Warden.

(b) In the year 1946 and in each alternate year thereafter, only members of Grand Lodge whose respective residences are in Greater Winnipeg shall be eligible for nomination for or election to the Office of Junior Grand Warden.

The Committee on Foreign Relations reported re "Message to Universal Freemasonry, promulgated by the Grand Lodges of Argentine, Chile and Uruguay," that their communication be acknowledged with expressions of sympathy and interest in the general objectives expressed, and intimating our inability to directly participate in their discussions or meetings. This report was adopted.

The Committee on War Services presented its report on Post War Rehabilitation for submission to the Banff Conference and the report was adopted.

Cypress Lodge No. 82 stated that the Lodge had purchased the Angst Hall for Lodge purposes and asked for a dispensation to use it. R.W. Bro. H. R. Bewes, D.D.G.M., reported the building suitable after some improvements were made. Permission was granted.

SPECIAL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 11th, 1944

(17 Present)

The meeting was called to consider an offer for the sale of property belonging to Grand Lodge at 926 Jessie avenue, Winnipeg. The Board agreed to accept the offer of $2,000.00 cash for the property.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals submitted a revised form of Lodge By-Laws. These By-Laws were recommended for Lodges desiring same.

MEETING HELD FRIDAY, APRIL 14th, 1944
(26 Present)

The Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry gave an interim verbal report of its activities particularly stressing the reports of members and their families who have joined His Majesty's Forces. For purposes of record the Committee suggested a card system one for each member. The Board ordered a card index system be prepared.

MEETING HELD FRIDAY, APRIL 26th, 1944
(14 Present)

The clause re Life Membership in Lodge By-Laws was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals for study and report.

MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7th, 1944
(36 Present)

The principal business of this meeting was the reading and adopting of the various reports of Standing Committees of Grand Lodge which were as follows:

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals.
The Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry.
The Committee on Investments.
The Committee on Finance.
The Committee on Benevolence.
The Committee on Masonic Research, Education and Library.
The Committee on War Relief.
The Committee on War Services.

These reports were read, discussed and approved.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL BURLAND,
President, Board of General Purposes.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Samuel Burland (12), seconded by R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey (25), the report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I beg to submit the Sixty-ninth Annual Report of the Grand Lodge for the year ending March 31st, 1944.

The usual Warning Circulars, Grand Lodge Certificates and all Official Notices were prepared and sent out. The proceedings of our last Annual Communication were compiled and copies mailed to our Constituent Lodges, members of our Board of General Purposes and the Grand Lodges with whom we have exchange of Grand Representatives.

The yearly returns were received from the Secretaries of 102 of the Constituent Lodges, covering the report of their activities for 1943. We are still waiting for the December, 1943, returns from Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14, of Minnedosa, and East Star Lodge No. 55 of Gretna.

We are pleased to report that from the Lodge returns received, we have a gross increase in membership of 556, our losses leave a net addition of 153 members.

We regret to report the list of our departed brethren during 1943 was 210, the largest loss of any year in the history of our Grand Lodge.

The membership tables cover the full year of 1943 and for the balance of the report from June 2nd, 1943, to June 7th, 1944.

Number of Lodges, December 31st, 1943	104		
Membership at December 31st, 1942		9,985	
Error in Returns		5	
			9,980
	1942	1943	
Initiated	258	368	
Affiliated	70	100	
Reinstated	60	88	
	388	556	
			556
			10,536

Loss:			
Through Demits	126	118	
Through Suspension	100	75	
Through Death	174	210	
	400	403	
			403

Membership at December 31st, 1943		10,133
Net gain for the year	153	

70 Lodges had no suspensions in 1943 as against 64 Lodges in 1942.

27 Lodges had no loss in membership in 1943 as against 39 in 1942.

14 Lodges remained stationary in membership in 1943 as against 21 Lodges in 1942.

Degrees Conferred During the Year:

	1942	1943
Initiated	258	368
Passed	240	338
Raised	210	322
	708	1,028
Courtesy Degrees		49

By Authority of our Most Worshipful Grand Master the following Dispensations were issued:

Joint Installation of Officers:

Lodges 19 and 113 at Brandon; Lodges 50 and 150 at Killarney;
Lodges 94 and 100 at Grandview; Lodges 105 and 147 at Swan River;
Lodges 131 and 151 at East Kildonan 10

Attend Church Service with Regalia:

The Past Masters' Association of Winnipeg.
The First Masonic District at Winnipeg.
The Sixth Masonic District at Deloraine.
The Ninth Masonic District at Swan River.
The Twelfth Masonic District at Winnipeg.

The Following Lodges:

1, 2, 11, 12, 24 (2), 29 (2), 62, 64, 67, 75, 104, 107, 108, 116, 117, 119, 123 (2), 124, 127, 138, 148, 153 30

New By-Laws and Changes:

The Following Lodges:

1, 4 (2), 7 (2), 12, 13, 14, 19, 25, 101, 109, 111, 114, 119, 136, 138, 140, 148	19

Change of Hour or Date of Regular Meetings:

The Following Lodges:

25, 70, 75, 82 (5), 90, 103, 107 (2), 108 (2), 112, 118, 119, 124, 133, 140, 145 (4), 156	25

Change of Date for Election and Installation of Officers:

The Following Lodges:

4, 10, 43, 44, 54, 93, 101, 102, 108, 144, 153	11

Degrees Conferred Within the Prescribed Time to:

The Following Lodges:

2, 3, 4 (2), 7 (2), 8, 10, 19, 24 (4), 25, 27 (5), 29 (3), 43, 54, 63, 71, 106, 107, 111, 113, 121, 125, 137, 144	34

Waivers of Jurisdiction to:

The Following Lodges:

7, 13, 27, 43, 93, 110, 136, 148	8
Total number of Dispensations	137

We regret to report the loss by death of four of our Lodge Secretaries during the year, in the persons of:

R.W. Bro. James McIntosh of Neepawa Lodge No. 24.
M.W. Bro. Wm. Fenwick of Tweed Lodge No. 113.
W. Bro. J. W. Herd of Victory Lodge No. 128.
W. Bro. F. W. Evans of Carman Lodge No. 155.

M.W. Bro. William Fenwick was Secretary of Tweed Lodge No. 113 since it was instituted on April 7th, 1909, and only resigned a few weeks before he passed away. He was one of our best loved Freemasons and will be greatly missed throughout our Jurisdiction.

Our deep sympathy goes out to the Brethren of these Lodges and to the families of our late Brother Secretaries.

NEW LODGE HALLS

Cypress Lodge No. 82 suffered a serious loss on September 17th, 1943, when the building in which they held their meetings was completely destroyed by fire. They held their Lodge meetings in various places for a few months, and finally purchased the Angst Hall and with some alternations and improvements, have a very suitable Lodge Hall, and deserve our congratulations. We wish them every success in their own premises.

Shoal Lake Lodge No. 92 purchased a solid brick building, 26 feet by 54 feet, made the necessary alterations and now have a fine Lodge Hall in which to carry on Lodge meetings and we wish them continued success in their new premises.

Lisgar Lodge No. 2 have been successful in raising some $1,700.00 in cash from their membership which enabled them to pay off the mortgage on their Lodge Building, and at an enthusiastic meeting held on Tuesday evening, April 25th, 1944, burned the mortgage, with this load removed, they go forward with renewed vigor, and we wish them happiness and success in their future work.

We also regret to report the very sudden passing away of R.W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Arthur Mather, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, A.F. & A.M., who had held that office for the past seventeen years.

We express our grateful thanks to the Lodges throughout the Dominion, England and Scotland, who conferred Courtesy Degrees on many of our Manitoba Brethren during the past year, and we wish to express thanks also to our own Constituent Lodges for a similar service rendered to brethren from these Sister Jurisdictions, also Australia, New Zealand and Tasmania.

We again thank those who continue to send copies of papers and magazines to the Grand Secretary's Office; these are made available to our membership through the Grand Lodge Library.

We express our thanks to the Most Worshipful Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers, for their kindness and consideration during a rather trying year, and to the Secretaries of our Constituent Lodges for their valued co-operation.

Fraternally submitted,

J.H.G. Russell
Grand Secretary.

Moved by R.W. Bro. S. Burland (12), that the Grand Secretary's report be referred to the Committee on Grand Secretary's Report.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through the Grand Treasurer, begs to present for your consideration and approval the following Statements of the various Accounts in connection with the Grand Lodge finances, for the year ending March 31st, 1944:

General Fund:
- Exhibit "A"—Balance Sheet.
- Exhibit "B"—Statement of Income and Expenditures.
- Exhibit "C"—Statement of Receipts and Disbursements.
- Schedule "1"—Accounts Receivable.
- Schedule "2"—Details of Miscellaneous Expenditures.

Benevolent Endowment and Beneficiary Funds:
- Exhibit "D"—Balance Sheet.
- Exhibit "E"—Statement of Income and Expenditures.
- Exhibit "F"—Statement of Receipts and Disbursements.
- Schedule "3"—Details of Cash Receipts.
- Schedule "4"—Statement of Beneficiary Fund.
- Schedule "5"—Statement of Mortgage Loans.

These accounts have been audited and found to be in order, as per the Auditor's Certificate appended to the Statements.

While the Receipts under the heading of "General Fund" show a slight increase over the previous year, it is only by the exercise of the strictest economy on the part of the Finance Committee and the Grand Secretary, that a small surplus over Expenditures is shown.

The Revenue of Grand Lodge for the past few years has not been sufficient to properly carry on its work.

The Committee on Research and Education (including the Library) in the Report presented to the Grand Lodge Communication of 1943, outlined a programme for the advancement and betterment of the Order. This Report was approved by Grand Lodge. To give effect to the much needed recommendations of the Committee will require the expenditure of a considerable amount of money, and at present the Funds are not available.

The Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry is also hampered in its activities through lack of funds.

It is sincerely hoped, therefore, that this Grand Lodge Communication will take some action to provide the necessary funds to enable the Committee to put into operation and develop the programme it has prepared.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEX. BURGESS,
Grand Treasurer.

April 19th, 1944.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

We desire to report that we have audited the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31st, 1944, and in connection submit the following Financial Statements.

General Fund:

Exhibit "A". Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "B". Statement of Income and Expenditure.
Exhibit "C". Statement of Receipts and Disbursements.
Schedule "1". Accounts Receivable.
Schedule "2". Details of Miscellaneous Expenditure.

Benevolent Endowment Fund and Beneficiary Fund:

Exhibit "D". Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "E". Statement of Income and Expenditure.
Exhibit "F". Statement of Receipts and Disbursements.
Schedule "3". Details of Cash Receipts.
Schedule "4". Statement of Beneficiary Fund.
Schedule "5". Statement of Mortgage Loans.

Cash in Bank:

The balances at Bank were confirmed by certificates obtained by us direct from the Bank.

Investments:

The securities representing the investments were inspected by us and found in order.

All Bonds and Debentures are fully registered in the name of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Yours truly,

ADAM ARMSTRONG & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

Exhibit "A"

BALANCE SHEET
GENERAL FUND

As at March 31st, 1944

ASSETS

Current:		
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce	$4,162.28	
Cash in Hand	.70	
Cash in Hand (Petty)	11.93	
Accounts Receivable (Per Schedule "1")	532.77	
		$4,707.68
Inventories:		
Supplies and Stock	$2,645.00	
Valued at		1.00
Equipment:		
Furniture and Fixtures	$ 711.00	
Regalia	540.00	
Library and Fixtures	2,500.00	
	$3,751.00	
Valued at		1.00
		$4,709.68

LIABILITIES

Beneficiary Fund (Loan)	$2,000.00
Surplus (Per Exhibit "B")	2,709.68
	$4,709.68

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31st, 1944, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31st, 1944.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ADAM ARMSTRONG & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man., April 19th, 1944.

Exhibit "B"

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1944

INCOME

Dues	$ 8,939.50
Initiations	730.00
M.M. Certificates	707.00
P.M. Certificates	74.00
L.M. Certificates	76.00
L.M. Fees	110.00
Dispensations	30.00
Supplies	267.94
Total Income	$10,934.44

EXPENDITURE

Salaries	$4,262.00	
Rent	800.00	
Postage and Stamp Tax	292.33	
Stationery and Office Supplies	372.25	
Regalia, Grand Master	250.00	
Expense, Grand Master	500.00	
L.M. Certificates	21.93	
M.M. Certificates	49.14	
P.M. Certificates	13.66	
Committee on Condition of Freemasonry	23.56	
Library Maintenance	1,134.15	
Masonic Research and Educational	59.39	
Jewel, P.G.M.	20.00	
Unemployment Insurance	28.08	
Exchange	25.95	
Miscellaneous	2.343.41	
Total Expenditure		10,195.85
Net Income for Year		$ 738.59
Surplus as at March 31st, 1943		1,971.09
Surplus as at March 31st, 1944		$ 2,709.68

Exhibit "C"

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1944

RECEIPTS

Subordinate Lodges		$12,483.44
Cash Sales—Supplies, etc.		23.70
Exchange		3.15
Total Receipts		$12,510.29
Cash in Bank April 1st, 1943	$2,866.35	
Cash in Hand April 1st, 1943 (Petty)	12.44	
		2,878.79
		$15,389.08

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	$4,262.00	
Rent	800.00	
Postage and Stamp Tax	292.33	
Stationery and Office Supplies	372.25	
Regalia, Grand Master	250.00	
Expense, Grand Master	500.00	
L.M. Certificates	21.93	
M.M. Certificates	49.14	
P.M. Certificates	13.66	
Committee on Condition of Freemasonry	23.56	
Masonic Research and Educational	59.39	
Library—Maintenance	1,134.15	
Jewel, P.G.M.	20.00	
Supplies	620.17	
Unemployment Insurance	28.08	
Benevolent Fund (Life Members' Fees)	395.00	
Exchange	29.10	
Miscellaneous (Per Schedule "2")	2,343.41	
Total Disbursements		11,214.17
Cash in Bank, March 31st, 1944	$4,162.28	
Cash on Hand, March 31st, 1944	.70	
Cash in Hand, March 31st, 1944 (Petty)	11.93	
		4,174.91
		$15,389.08

Schedule "1"

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
GENERAL FUND

As at March 31st, 1944

No.	Name of Lodge	Dr.	Cr.
2.	Lisgar	$ 15.15	
2.	Emerson	.20	
10.	Northern Light	4.40	
11.	Gladstone	2.00	
13.	Morden	4.00	
14.	Prince of Wales	56.40	
25.	Ionic	.90	
30.	Manitou		.30
39.	Birtle	3.00	
52.	Hartney	5.20	
55.	East Star	43.98	
64.	Composite	4.25	
70.	Shiloh		2.00
82.	Cypress	147.89	
90.	Midlothian	32.20	
94.	Hiram		.90
100.	Robbie Burns	6.00	
101.	Binscarth	155.00	
104.	Reston	.40	
106.	Strathclair	1.75	
110.	Kilwinning	.20	
111.	Acacia	4.00	
112.	Ophir	6.00	
116.	St. Andrews		.05
119.	Norwood		1.00
127.	Empire		1.00
133.	McCreary	1.20	
138.	Windsor	1.00	
139.	Beaver		2.75
141.	Tuscan	1.20	
142.	Harmony		4.50
144.	Ft. Osborne	4.95	
147.	Jubilee	1.00	
155.	Carman	43.00	
		$545.27	$12.50
		12.50	
		$532.77	

Schedule "2"

DETAILS OF MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1944

Particulars	Amount
Proceedings	$ 612.70
Grand Lodge Communication	609.65
Audit	150.00
Telephones and Telegraph	108.53
Travelling	483.41
Flowers	50.44
Christmas Cards	37.26
Christmas Expense	25.00
Masonic Relief Association	55.75
Warning Circulars	36.72
City Directory	21.60
List of Lodges	11.72
Safety Deposit Box	15.00
Typewriter Inspection	11.00
Substitute Stenographer	30.00
Indemnity Bond (Grand Secretary)	3.75
Miscellaneous	80.88
As per Exhibit "C"	$2,343.41

Exhibit "D"

BALANCE SHEET BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND AND BENEFICIARY FUND

As at March 31st, 1944

ASSETS

Current:				
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce			$ 6,716.37	
General Fund Loan			2,000.00	
Rent Receivable			28.50	$ 8,744.87
Mortgage Loans			$ 5,143.46	
Investments:	**Par Value**			
Province of Manitoba Debentures	$96,000.00	$88,201.25		
Greater Winnipeg Water District Debentures	16,000.00	16,045.00		
Province of Saskatchewan Debentures	21,000.00	21,000.00		
Province of Alberta Debentures	10,000.00	10,000.00		
Province of British Columbia Debentures	15,000.00	14,955.00		
Point Grey Debentures	10,000.00	9,925.00		
Dominion of Canada Bonds	67,800.00	67,395.00		
Canadian National Railway Bonds	8,000.00	8,000.00		
City of Winnipeg Debentures	2,433.33	2,177.83		
			237,699.08	
	$246,233.33			
War Savings Certificates			480.00	
Beneficiary Fund:				
Province of Manitoba Debentures	$ 4,500.00	$ 4,500.00		
Dominion of Canada Bonds	12,700.00	12,700.00	17,200.00	
				$260,522.44
	$17,200.00			

Property:		
Acquired through foreclosure:		
191 Ethelbert	$ 5,117.86	
299 Waverley	10,004.23	
275 Harvard	10,245.38	
		25,367.47
		$294,634.78

LIABILITIES

Surplus (per Exhibit "E")	$294,634.78
	$294,634.78

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31st, 1944, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31st, 1944.

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ADAM ARMSTRONG & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man., April 19th, 1944.

Exhibit "E"

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND AND BENEFICIARY FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1944

INCOME

Interest—Bonds and Debentures	$11,409.84	
Premium—Bonds and Debentures	490.00	
		$11,899.84
Interest—Mortgages		347.98
Life Members' Fees		395.00
Donations, Lodges		237.20
		$12,880.02

EXPENDITURE

Beneficiary Fund (Per Schedule "4")	$5,885.37	
Tax Deducted U.S. Bond Interest	269.51	
Insurance	28.80	
Stationery	14.04	
Exchange	12.00	
		6,209.72
Net Income for Year		$ 6,670.30
Surplus as at March 31st, 1943	$288,138.73	
Deduct:		
Loss on Sale of Property	174.25	
		287.964.48
Surplus as at March 31st, 1944		$294,634.78

Exhibit "F"

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND AND BENEFICIARY FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1944

RECEIPTS

Total Receipts (Per Schedule "3")		$18,558.50
Cash in Bank, April 1st, 1943		5,296.16
		$23,854.66

DISBURSEMENTS

Dominion of Canada Bonds		$ 9,000.00
Beneficiary Fund		5,885.37
Real Estate, Taxes, Insurance, Repairs and Collection Commissions, etc.:		
191 Ethelbert Street	$ 159.10	
926 Jessie Avenue	129.26	
299 Waverley Street	479.38	
275 Harvard Avenue	1,160.83	
		1,928.57
Exchange		12.00
Tax Deducted U.S. Bond Interest		269.51
Insurance		28.80
Stationery		14.04
Total Disbursements		$17,138.29
Cash in Bank, March 31st, 1944		6,716.37
		$23,854.66

Schedule "3"

DETAILS OF CASH RECEIPTS BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND BENEFICIARY FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1944

Mortgage Principal:		
Loan No. 2.	$130.00	
5.	388.73	
38.	100.00	
40.	216.05	
41.	343.70	
		$ 1,178.48
Mortgage Interest:		
Loan No. 2.	$ 94.50	
5.	36.27	
38.	76.50	
40.	44.41	
41.	96.30	
		347.98
Rents Received Property:		
191 Ethelbert Street	$520.00	
299 Waverley Street	900.00	
275 Harvard Avenue	720.00	
926 Jessie Avenue	360.00	
		2,500.00
Interest and Premiums Bonds and Debentures		11,899.84
Donations		237.20
Life Members Fees		395.00
Property Sold 926 Jessie		2,000.00
		$18,558.50

Schedule "4"

STATEMENT OF BENEFICIARY FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1944

No.	Name of Lodge	On Account of	Amount
1.	Prince Rupert	H. C.	$ 245.00
1.	Prince Rupert	Mrs. C. S.	90.00
2.	Lisgar	Mrs. F. J.	311.00
3.	Ancient Landmark	W. P.	89.00
3.	Ancient Landmark	Mrs. McC.	185.00
3.	Ancient Landmark	Mrs. D. O'C.	125.00
4.	St. John's	Mrs. F. J. B.	125.00
4.	St. John's	C. R. McL.	40.00
8.	King Solomon	J. H. S.	65.00
10.	Northern Light	Mrs. E. E. B.	60.00
10.	Northern Light	Mrs. E. M. Q.	65.00
11.	Gladstone	Mrs. M. E.	185.00
12.	Stonewall	Mrs. McF.	245.00
12.	Stonewall	Mrs. G. W.	125.00
12.	Stonewall	Mrs. F. S.	185.00
24.	Neepawa	Mrs. R. A. T.	185.00
25.	Ionic	Mrs. E. E. D.	180.00
25.	Ionic	Mrs. J. L. MacQ.	20.00
27.	Glenwood	Mrs. C. F. R.	180.00
40.	Deloraine	Mrs. G. R. A.	185.00
43.	Lebanon	A. M.	125.00
50.	Killarney	W. E. H.	40.00
52.	Hartney	A. T. F.	10.00
55.	East Star	T. A. A.	305.00
62.	Russell	A. M.	285.00
63.	Holland	Mrs. E. F.	19.64
68.	Vermillion	Mrs. W. H. L.	125.00
68.	Vermillion	B. J. S.	105.00
84.	Hamiota	Mrs. J. R.	125.00
90.	Midlothian	Mrs. M. C.	115.00
92.	Shoal Lake	Mrs. J. J.	20.00
93.	King Edward	H. H. J.	100.00
93.	King Edward	Mrs. J. G. H.	140.00
93.	King Edward	Mrs. M. J.	60.00
100.	Robbie Burns	Wm. E. J. B.	125.00
102.	Miniota	J. P.	170.73
107.	Lansdowne	J. McD.	65.00
112.	Ophir	Mrs. B. R. T.	305.00
114.	The Assiniboine	F. T.	80.00
119.	Norwood	Mrs. V. H.	125.00
119.	Norwood	Mrs. F. A. McD.	125.00
121.	St. James	Mrs. J. MacG.	180.00
131.	Kildonan	T. H. B.	75.00
134.	Stony Mountain	Mrs. C. D.	45.00
143.	Mt. Sinai	Mrs. F. Z.	125.00
			$5,885.37

Schedule "5"

STATEMENT OF MORTGAGE LOANS BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND

As at March 31st, 1944

	Principal
Loan No. 2	$1.500.00
Loan No. 5	331.09
Loan No. 38	1,200.00
Loan No. 40	552.31
Loan No. 41	1,559.96
	$5,143.36

On motion of R.W. Bro. Alex Burgess (3), seconded by R.W. Bro. A. H. Steventon (3), the Grand Treasurer's Report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF FREEMASONRY

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through its' Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry, begs to submit the following report:

The Committee would first direct the attention of the Grand Lodge to the report of the Grand Secretary, wherein is set forth statistical details of the year's activities within this grand jurisdiction. This is done, not because of any desire to strain your patience but to direct the attention of Grand Lodge to the story of the activities of the various lodges in this grand jurisdiction, so that we may have some idea of the strength of the forces which are ranged under the banner of Freemasonry in this province.

During the year under review, no Lodge has become inactive, though the pulse of a few is running low: the charter of no Lodge has been arrested: and no new Lodge has been added to our roster. The number of lodges remains at 104. Last year there were 9,985 (less an error of 5) or 9,980 members of these 104 lodges as at December 31st, 1942, representing a net loss of 12. This year we are happy to report a net gain of 153, making our present membership at the close of 1943, 10,133. The gross addition this year shows an increase of 43½%. The number of demits have been reduced by 8: suspensions by 25, but we regret to say deaths among our members have increased by 36, a total for 1943 of 210. This is the highest number of deaths in any year history of the Grand Lodge. Seventy of our lodges (64 in 1942) have had no suspensions for N.P.D. Two members in as many lodges were suspended for unmasonic conduct. Fourteen lodges show a stationary membership as compared with 21 last year; 27 show a decrease as against 44 in 1942; and 63 report an increase as against 39 for the previous year.

There were held by the 104 lodges in 1943, 1,026 regular meetings, 169 emergent meetings, and 96 funeral emergents, a total of 1,291—an increase of 32 meetings. There was a decrease of 2 in regular meetings, and an increase of 34 in emergent and funeral emergent meetings. Five of our lodges have held less than 8 meetings, of all kinds, during the year. There was a total of 1,028 degrees conferred, apart from so-called courtesy degrees, an increase of 320 or 45% over 1942. Twelve lodges had no degree work.

The Committee is pleased to report that every Lodge has sent in its Form 20. Some came in long after due, but all came in, and this is a distinct improvement. But we must again call the attention of Lodge Secretaries and Masters of Lodges to the all-too-many inaccuracies in these reports. It is just possible that delay in completing the report may be a factor contributing to these inaccuracies. Many mistakes are errors in simple arithmetic, for instance, one reports two initiations, one Fellow Craft degree, but when added two and one make four. This in inflation with a vengeance. Could we not have Form 20 completed, checked, correct in every detail, and sent in by the end of February? Why not?

This year shows some improvement in the reports of visits to Lodges by the District Deputy Grand Masters. These reports come in on Form 21. Some are late arriving, and the work of this Committee thereby hampered. One district having 13 Lodges, has sent in only five reports, and profound silence reigns throughout the district. Four District Secretaries have not favored the Committee with a report of the district meeting, viz.: districts 4, 5, 7 and 12. The Committee heartily appreciates the loyalty of the District Secretaries who have co-operated with it in this matter, and is grateful for some splendid suggestions. More than one District Secretary proposes that the D.D.G.M. be elected at the district meeting on the occasion of the visit of the Grand Master to the district, and such election confirmed, as at present, at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge following the district meeting. Ample time would then be given the D.D.G.M. elect to prepare himself for the discharge of his important responsibilities. The suggestion has much to cemmend it to the careful consideration of this Grand Lodge. It is suggested by another that the district meeting be held after the D.D.G.M. has completed his visits to the lodges in the district. Such a procedure would have many benefits but would also present problems which need not be discussed in this report. Criticism of the rotation system in the selection of the D.D.G.M. is voiced in the reports with which the Committee has no fault to find, but would point out that the district itself must wrestle with this problem of rotation and solve it. The sooner this is accomplished the better it will be for Freemasonry in the district and in this grand jurisdiction.

Some matters arising from the returns on Form 21—report of the visit to lodges by the D.D.G.M.—require comment by the Committee. We have carefully reviewed these reports and make the following observations.

In a few cases, the reports are brief, so brief that an adequate picture of the state of the craft in the district is impossible. One would almost think that words and ideas were added to the ration list. For the most part, however, the reports are good, and some excellent. Good spirit and harmony prevails throughout the districts. Item 22 on this form: "Have you reason to think that harmony does not prevail?" seems to give some difficulty to some. It would seem that some D.D.G.M.'s have said "Yes" when they meant "No." In a few cases no answer was given. A number of our Lodges make no visits to other lodges.

Generally speaking, lodges that make many visits are the most prosperous, and, while the difficulties of travel these days of war are great, yet they are not insurmountable, and certainly at no time was fellowship among the brethren, lodge with lodge, and district with district, more needed than in these days of stress and strain.

The number of Masters who are unable to confer all three degrees seems to be increasing. In some cases, the report is that he lacks the necessary ability. Only the Lodge itself can correct this unfortunate circumstance. It is surely not necessary to promote a man year after year until he becomes Master of the lodge before discovering that he has not the gifts for the highest office the lodge can bestow. Again we are told that in many lodges, there is too great a tendency to take the easy way and lean on the Past Masters for degree work. There is a host of Past Masters throughout this jurisdiction whose co-operation, faithfulness, and readiness to serve the craft are necessary and greatly to be admired. They love to be useful, all credit is due them, and gratefully accorded to them. There is a great danger, however, that some Past Masters may become over zealous to the point of transforming privilege to demand, and forgetting that they owe something to the Master of the Lodge. They must not forget to accord to him his rightful opportunity of making himself proficient in all the work of the Lodge. If the Master is to be a good Past Master, he must begin when a Junior Officer to get up his work, so that when he takes his place in the East, he will have no difficulty in performing his functions to the edification of the brethren. Let no Past Master rob the Master of his privilege or his duty, but rather render his greatest assistance, to the Master and to the Lodge, encouraging the Master to fit himself to perform his function of instructing the brethren in Freemasonry. Let us all see to it that the Master of the Lodge is not a Master in name only, but Master in reality. It is a matter of disappointment to read in the reports that in some of our lodges the work was poorly done. Brethren, it is not the mark of a good Mason to be slovenly, careless or inefficient in thought, word or deed.

Lisgar Lodge No. 2, at Selkirk, merits the congratulations of this Grand Lodge in the liquidation of its mortgage. Since this happy event, the Lodge has become revitalized, and faces a future full of hope. One cannot review these returns on Form 21 without concluding that in several of the districts there are some weak and ineffective lodges that require special treatment at the hands of Grand Lodge.

One very good practice carried out in one of the best districts in the jurisdiction was inaugurated this year, and it is passed on with the commendation of this Committee. The District Deputy Grand Master, once every month, has met the Masters of the lodges in his district, for a round table conference on matters affecting the district as a whole or any lodge in particular. The results have been most fruitful and have more than justified the effort.

Successful district meetings were held in all the districts in the jurisdiction. The attendance was good, but might be greatly improved. Many of the officers of the lodges were not present. Some did not attend because it was a holiday. Approval of the suggested programme, set up at a conference with the

D.D.G.M's., at the close of the last communication of Grand Lodge, was general. Arrangements have been completed for a dinner meeting during this Grand Lodge, Thursday, at 5.30 in the afternoon—at which all the D.D.G.M.'s elect will be present. At this gathering we shall confer together regarding the duties and responsibilities of the Office of District Deputy Grand Master.

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 4 of the Constitution, the Honorary rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master will be conferred on Worshipful Brother Charles J. McLeod of The Pas, by the Grand Master. The Committee is in heartiest accord with this proposed action.

The thanks of the Committee is expressed for the good work done by the District Deputy Grand Masters, throughout the past year. For ready co-operation, diligence in the performance of their duties, and keen sense of the importance of the responsibilities of their office, we are indeed grateful. Some difficulty has been experienced in districts 5 and 7 on account of illness. Closer contact with this Committee would have been of considerable help, and would have relieved the Committee of much anxiety.

With the assistance of Past District Deputy Grand Masters of the district and a last effort by the D.D.G.M. of the Seventh District, all visits have been made and reports sent in. In the case of the Fifth District, the work of the D.D.G.M. is not yet completed and no explanation is given. Eight of the thirteen reports from this district are not yet in. Right Worshipful Bro. Wiltsey, on account of infirmity, accepted the office with reluctance, and has been unable seemingly to carry out his duties. Both R.W. Bro. Wiltsey and the district have suffered on account of the rotation system. One wonders if there are no Past District Deputy Grand Masters left in the Fifth District who might have come to the aid of R.W. Bro. Wiltsey. The Committee does not recommend the conferring of Past Rank in the case of R.W. Bro. Wiltsey. The following are recommended for the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master:

First Masonic District	R.W. Bro. F. N. Baxter.
Second Masonic District	R.W. Bro. M. E. MacKinnon
Third Masonic District	R.W. Bro. A. R. Bewes.
Fourth Masonic District	R.W. Bro. R. W. Tuckwell.
Sixth Masonic District	R.W. Bro. Fred Ford.
Seventh Masonic District	R.W. Bro. J. McCorkindale.
Eighth Masonic District	R.W. Bro. G. E. Keyes.
Ninth Masonic District	R.W. Bro. John Livesey.
Tenth Masonic District	R.W. Bro. R. M. Muckle.
Twelfth Masonic District	R.W. Bro. David Griffith.

The year under review in this report has been a good year for Masonry in its jurisdiction.

The Committee records its sincere appreciation of the interest and co-operation of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Ben C. Parker, in all the work of the Committee. M.W. Bro. Parker has rendered conspicuous service to the craft throughout the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and in sister jurisdictions during his year in the Office of Grand Master, and this Grand Lodge extends to him its gratitude and cordial felicitations. Our hope is that he may continue for many years to come to shed among us the radiance of his unique personality and render to Freemasonry that service for which, during the past year, he has shown himself so well equipped.

All of which is respectfully submitted, on behalf of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry.

P. T. PILKEY,
Chairman.

GEORGE HUNTER,
Secretary.

On motion of R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey (25), seconded by R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70), the report was received and adopted.

The Grand Master congratulated R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey on having had conferred on him, by his Alma Mater, Queen's University, the Honorary Degree of "Doctor of Divinity".

R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey thanked the Grand Master for his kind remarks. (Applause.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE AND APPEALS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through its Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals, begs to report that it has during the past year passed on the By-Laws of several of the Constituent Lodges at the request of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and has had submitted to it for a report on their legality all the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge which will be presented at the next Annual Communication.

This Committee wishes to express its appreciation to the Grand Secretary for his readiness to give your Committee his able assistance on all occasions.

Fraternally submitted,
S. HART GREEN,
Chairman, Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals.

On motion of R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman (93), seconded by R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (113), the report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Following is our report of Reviews of individual Grand Lodge Proceedings, in time for presentation at Grand Lodge.

It is but natural that conditions incident to the present existing World War should prove to be of the first importance, and is given first place in discussions by Grand Masters and other Grand Lodge Officers and, possibly, of all, the most seriously important consideration and direct appeal by Grand Chaplains.

The Craft in the Mother Land carries on in spite of the war, and the activities of the Grand Lodges in the British Isles are an inspiration to all who take the trouble to read the reports.

Grand Lodges seem to be hewing closely to the line in essentials. There is considerable latitude in the matter of making it easy for men in the Armed Forces to get the degrees. The experience of first World War are still sufficiently vivid in the minds of most of our leaders so that it can be quite definitely stated that there is not the great grand rush to make Masons wholesale that there was at that time. Greater care is being exercised by most Grand Masters than was the case in the other war.

Very little information is obtained concerning affairs in any part of Europe.

Grand Lodges in Central and South American countries are seeking recognition and a great deal of thought is being expended on this question.

We express the fervent hope that the fight for democracy, and belief that the power of the Great Architect of the Universe will prevail.

Fraternally submitted,

H. M. KERR,
Chairman.

Presented by the Grand Secretary, It was moved by R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr (113), that the report be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell (114). Carried.

COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS

Report for the Year Ended, March 31st, 1944

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

The Committee on Investments begs to report that the total investments of the Grand Lodge, as of March 31st, 1944, amounted to $285,889.91, as follows:

ENDOWMENT FUND

Bonds	$237,699.08
War Savings Certificates	480.00
Mortgage Loans	5,143.36
Property acquired through foreclosure	25,367.47
	$268,689.91

BENEFICIARY FUND

Bonds	17,200.00
Total	$285,889.91

Endowment Fund Bonds have increased over last year by $9,000.00

Real Estate held has been reduced by $2,774.18.
Mortgage Loans have also been reduced by repayments of principal by $1,178.48.

During the year we sold 926 Jessie avenue, for the sum of $2,000.00 cash, taking a net loss of $174.25.

The sum of $1,178.48 was paid on account of principal by mortgagors in respect to the mortgage investments of Grand Lodge. Our Mortgage Loans are all in a satisfactory condition.

Properties acquired through foreclosures have now been reduced to three parcels as follows:

191 Ethelbert street, rented at $45.00 a month.
299 Waverley street, rented at $75.00 a month.
275 Harvard avenue, rented at $60.00 a month.

All are in good state of repair except 191 Ethelbert street. Extensive repairs will have to be made to this property in the near future.

During the current year we made substantial repairs to 275 Harvard avenue, at an approximate cost of $800.00.

Nine thousand dollars was reported available for investment by the Grand Secretary, $6,000.00 of which we invested in the 4th, and $3,000.00 in the 5th Victory Loans.

Fraternally submitted,

ROYAL BURRITT,
Chairman.

Presented by R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman (93), who moved that the report be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3). Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through its Committee on Benevolence, begs to report as follows:

At the beginning of the Masonic Year, your Committee had 41 cases to which grants from the Beneficiary Fund were being made.

During the year, death claimed six of these beneficiaries, and six cases were closed due to the financial conditions of the recipients having improved. Four new cases were brought to the attention of the Committee, and after being considered, a monthly grant was made in each case.

At the close of the present Masonic Year, there were 33 cases in which a monthly payment was being made.

The total amount paid out during the year was $5,895.37. Donations to our Benevolent Fund were received during the year from the following Lodges.

Number 68, Vermillion Lodge	$113.08
Number 94, Hiram Lodge	51.35
Number 104, Reston Lodge	300.00
Number 106, Strathclair Lodge	29.52
Number 110, Kilwinning Lodge	20.25
Number 152, Foxwarren Lodge	5.00
Making a total of	$519.20

Your Committee desires to express its deep gratitude for all these donations, and feels that special mention should be made of that from Reston Lodge. This was in the form of three One Hundred Dollar Bonds of the Sixth Victory Loan, purchased by Reston Lodge in the name of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., to be placed with the Bonds already held by its Benevolent Fund.

Fraternally submitted,

W. J. MAJOR,
Chairman.

Presented by M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (4), who moved it be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey (25).

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through the Committee on Finance, begs to submit the following report:

Meetings of the Finance Committee have been held monthly, and all accounts presented by the Grand Secretary have been examined and approved for payment.

The Financial Statement of Income and Expenditure by the Auditors for the year ending March 31st, 1944, shows:

Income:	Actual	$10,930.00
	Budgeted	$10,640.00
	$290.00 more than anticipated.	
Expenditures:	Actual	$10,200.00
	Budgeted	$10,360.00
	$160.00 less than anticipated	

The Grand Secretary continues to give close supervision to all expenditures, and his office is economically and efficently conducted. Your Committee appreciates his splendid assistance and any information required has been readily available.

To enable Grand Lodge to meet the increasing demands made on it by the Standing Committees, and also to enable these Committees to undertake greater activities, your Committee suggests that arrangements be made to allow Grand Lodge to receive from the Constituent Lodges, an annual fee of $1.50 for every member, instead of the $1.00 as at present.

Your Committee has prepared and herewith submits for your consideration, a statement of approximate Income and Expenditures for the year ending March 31st, 1945.

Fraternally submitted,

R. E. EMMETT,
Chairman.

INCOME

	1943	1942	Budget, 1944
Dues	$8,939.50	$8,793.50	$9,000.00
Initiations	730.00	534.00	800.00
M.M. Certificates	707.00	471.00	750.00
P.M. Certificates	74.00	63.00	70.00
L.M. Certificates	76.00	65.00	60.00
L.M. Fees	110.00	335.00	......
Dispensations	30.00	48.00	30.00
Supplies	267.94	410.72	300.00
	$10,934.44	$10,720.22	$11,010.00

EXPENDITURES

	Budgeted, 1943	Actual	1944 Budget,
Salaries and C.L. Bonus	$4,400.00	$4,262.00	$4,500.00
Rent	800.00	800.00	800.00
Insurance	100.00	......	100.00
Postage and Excise	350.00	292.33	325.00
Stationery and Office Supplies	200.00	372.25	300.00
Grand Master's Regalia and Jewel	265.00	270.00	275.00
Grand Master's Expense	500.00	500.00	500.00
Master Mason and other Certificates	45.00	84.73	100.00
Library Maintenance and Committee	1,185.00	1,213.10	1,700.00
Unemployment Insurance	90.00	28.08	30.00
Exchange	29.00	25.95	30.00
Proceedings	700.00	612.70	700.00
Grand Lodge Communication	700.00	609.65	800.00
Auditors	150.00	......	150.00
Telephone, etc.	125.00	108.53	125.00
Banff Conference	300.00	483.41	600.00
Travelling Expenses	150.00		
Flowers, Xmas Cards, etc.	120.00	112.70	115.00
Masonic Relief Association	50.00	55.75	60.00
Warning Circulars	......	......	40.00
Miscellaneous	200.00	210.67	250.00
New Constitutions	......	......	1,000.00
	$10,459.00	$10,041.85	$12,500.00
Outstanding Beneficiary Loan			2,000.00
			$14,500.00

Moved by W. Bro. R. E. Emmett (121), the Report of the Committee on Finance be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. J. C. Grant (3).

R.W. Bro. Rev. Thomas Neville (1), moved an Amendment that the item referring to the increase in the Lodge Assessment be laid on the table until the notice of motion increasing the Assessment is disposed of, seconded by R.W. Bro. G. E. Keyes (55).

The M.W. Grand Master in speaking to the Amendment stated that the approval of the Finance Committee's Report would not bind any member to vote as he saw fit when the notice of motion is being considered.

On this understanding, the amendment was withdrawn by the Mover and Seconder, and the original motion was put to Grand Lodge and approved.

COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through its Committee on Masonic Research and Education, begs to report as follows:

The Committee held its first meeting of the year on July 23, 1943. Subsequent meetings were held on August 6 and September 20, 1943, and on January 10, April 12, and June 2, 1944.

The meeting of July 23, 1943, was called for the purpose of discussing the programme of the Committee for the coming year. There was free discussion and several valuable suggestions were offered by the members. The Chairman was instructed to obtain from R.W. Bro. Burland a copy of his report of this Committee for the previous year, and the Grand Master appointed a subcommittee consisting of the Chairman and Bros. Boyle and

Woods, to study that report and present a recommendation to a meeting of the Committee to be held as soon as possible.

This sub-committee met, and at the next meeting of the Committee held on August 6, 1943, made the following recommendation:

That a synopsis of R.W. Bro. Burland's report of last year should be sent to the Secretary of each Constituent Lodge, accompanied by a letter from the Chairman of the Committee.

This letter contained five questions which it was requested be brought before each Lodge for discussion, after which it was suggested that the Lodges' decisions as to these questions be forwarded to the Secretary of the Committee. The following were the questions:

1. *Study Groups*—(a) Has your Lodge such a group and is it active? (b) If so, can this Committee assist in furnishing material for study? (c) If your Lodge has no such group, are you interested in the formation of one?

2. *Masonic Paper*—If the Committee is successful in obtaining Government approval of the publication of such a paper by Grand Lodge, on a strictly non-profit basis, are you in favor of this?

3. *Library*— Are you agreeable to appointing a member to be responsible for the obtaining of books from the Library and the return of them after perusal?

4. *Declaration of Principles*— The demonstration of this declaration in Lodges where presented has been very enthusiastically received, and there has been a considerable demand for printed copies of the script. If you have not yet received a copy of this script and desire one, please advise.

5. *Degree Teams*— In an effort to bring Lodges outside Greater Winnipeg and Brandon more closely together with City Lodges, it is proposed to offer the services of Degree Teams to exemplify any one of the three Degrees, when invited to do so. The City of Winnipeg Lodges and the City of Brandon Lodges, will be invited to co-operate in forming such Degree Teams to be available when requested by Lodges outside of Greater Winnipeg and Brandon. Are you agreeable to such proposed action?

The Committee is very appreciative of the splendid response to these questions made by Constituent Lodges. Of 104 Lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction, 83 Lodges forwarded replies.

The following indicates the decisions reached by Lodges in respect to these five questions.

Study Groups— The majority of Lodges did not favor formation of study groups. Only a few Study Groups are active in Lodges, and some Lodges which had operated such groups in the past, had had to discontinue them due to lack of interest on the part of their respective members. A few Lodges requested information as to the formation of groups, and the subjects for study, and they have either been given or will be given this information by the Secretary of the Committee.

Several Lodges in the Greater Winnipeg District signified their desire for the establishment of a Central Study Group available to all members. The Past Masters' Association of Greater Winnipeg has gladly undertaken the responsibility for the formation of such a group and the conducting of the meetings. The Members of this Committee desire to record their thanks to that Association for their co-operation.

Masonic Paper—A very large majority of the Lodges was in favor of the publication of this paper and each Lodge has been asked to advise the Secretary of this Committee the number of copies desired by their members. Returns have not been received from all Lodges up to the present time.

Library— It is very gratifying to report that there is again a very satisfactory increase in the number of books distributed to members during the past year. The Librarian attributes this to the large increase in the number of brethren acting in the capacity of sub-librarians for their respective Lodges, which was suggested in the Chairman's letter before mentioned. There are now 41 brethren acting in this capacity. A list showing the books and other literature distributed during the Masonic year 1943-44 appears in the report of the Grand Librarian to this Committee for that period. He also acknowledges with gratitude the handsome donations which have been made to the Library since the last Annual Communication.

The Committee expresses regret that through lack of sufficient funds, it has been unable to carry out its complete programme of activities. When the fixed expenses pertaining to the operation of the Library were disbursed, there was little left from the amount which Grand Lodge was able to appropriate for the work of the Committee.

The amount of the appropriation allotted to the Library has been discussed by this Committee. Books, like everything else in frequent use, need periodical repairs and must at times be replaced by new ones. Your Committee, therefore, recommends that provision be made for the sum of $200.00 over and above salary, telephone, stationery, and all other fixed expenses, to be used for the purchase and repair of books, and other purposes of the Committee.

Declaration of Principles— Many Lodges requested copies of the script of the Declaration of Principles and these were forwarded in most cases. The demand was so great that it was necessary to order a reprinting of the script, and those Lodges which have not yet received the copies they requested will receive them at the earliest possible moment. This script arranged by M.W. Bro. William Douglas has been enthusiastically received wherever presented. Approximately 500 copies of the script were forwarded to Lodges desiring them.

Degree Teams—A substantial majority of Lodges endorsed the principal of exchange of Degree Teams. While in only a few cases have degree teams operated in Lodges other than their own, it is anticipated that there will be greater activity during the coming year. Your Committee is hopeful that when travel restrictions are eased, this exchange of Degree Teams will multiply, and will have a very beneficial effect in Lodges. This suggestion was brought forward in an effort to bring more closely together the brethren of country and city Lodges.

Lodges have been requested to advise the Secretary of the Committee whether they desire to furnish Degree Teams or whether they wish Degree Teams to visit their Lodges, or both. Arrangements are also being made to endeavor to foster an exchange of Degree Teams between Lodges in the same Masonic Districts.

Suggested Publication of a "Manitoba Masonic Directory"— On December 20, 1943, the Committee was convened by the Grand Master to discuss a letter sent to the Grand Secretary by Bro. C. S. Evenden of Windsor Lodge Number 138, with reference to the publication by him of a directory to be known as "The Manitoba Masonic Directory" and to decide whether or not to recommend that such permission be granted. Bro. Evenden was present at the meeting by request, and outlined his plan. It was his intention to furnish the Brethren of the Grand Jurisdiction with copies of this directory without charge to them. The cost of publication and distribution was to be defrayed by selling advertising space in the Directory. After a very full discussion, the following resolution was adopted unanimously— "Your Committee has given careful consideration to a request from Bro. C. S. Evenden for permission to publish a Manitoba

Masonic Directory and recommends that this permission be refused."

Your Committee has noted with interest a series of several meetings held by the lodges in different parts of the Province, at which the Grand Master and Grand Lodge representatives attended, and to which the Officers and brethren of lodges in the surrounding areas were invited. These meetings have served as a great stimulus to the work of the craft in the districts where they have been held. They have afforded an opportunity for the officers and members of the constituent lodges to become better acquainted with the Grand Lodge Officers, and to learn something of the aims and purposes of Grand Lodge. Requests have been made for more of these meetings, but unfortunately the holding of these meetings of necessity involves expense, and unless Grand Lodge funds are augmented, there is no source from which the necessary moneys can be taken. Your committee recommends to its successor the development of this idea of area meetings.

We are pleased to report that our Grand Librarian, R.W. Bro. C. E. Somerset, from whose zeal and enthusiasm this Committee has derived so much inspiration in past years, has been able to maintain his interest in our work. We are proud to think that at the age of 91 this distinguished Freemason can still give us the benefit of his long experience. His mind is as clear as ever, and while physical infirmities make it inadvisable for him to attend our meetings, we consider ourselves fortunate in being privileged to continue our intimate association with him.

We cannot conclude this report without recording the sincere thanks of the Committee to M.W. Bro. Harry Woods who has so efficiently carried out the duties of Secretary of the Committee.

Fraternally submitted,

J. J. BANNERMAN.
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LODGE LIBARIAN

To R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman,
Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brother:

Herewith find the report of the Grand Librarian for the year ending March 31st, 1944.

In spite of the fact that the war has brought a feeling of unrest in the world, the Library has had a very busy year, and has been used much more than in the previous year.

There is evidence that there is a very much greater desire to know of the teaching of our Order.

M.W. Bro. Harry Woods has been a tower of strength to those who desired help in the selection of books, and advice on Masonic subjects.

Again I have to thank those who have donated books and other literature to the Library, and to remind friends who have Masonic books that they wish to dispose of, that our Library is the proper place for such books.

A statement showing the number of books and other literature issued during the year, and the donations received from various Brethren during the same period, is attached hereto.

Fraternally submitted,

(Sgd.) C. E. SOMERSET,
Grand Librarian.

List showing books and other literature sent out from the Library during the Masonic Year, 1943-44.

M.00	Encyclopaedias, etc.	21	
M.02	Societies, Transactions	2	
M.10	History and Philosophy	130	
M.11	Symbolism	214	
M.12	Masonry and Citizenship	10	
M.14	Rites, Degrees, Manuals	62	
M.17	History, Geographical Divisions	44	
M.19	General Works	5	
M.20	Ceremonies, etc.	5	
M.30	Jurisprudence, etc.	19	
M.52	Art and Architecture	13	
M.61	Short Talks, Essays, etc.	61	
M.62	Magazines, bound	2	
M.63	Poetry and Drama	14	
M.66	Novels and Tales	104	
M.80	Miscellaneous, Masonry	1	
	Miscellaneous, Non-Masonry	35	
	Proceedings	4	
		——	746
	Magazines	32	
	Clippings	19	
	Bulletins	6	
		——	57

Books, etc., donated to the Library during the Masonic year, 1943-44.

27 Books, Masonic and otherwise	St. John's Lodge No. 4, A.F. & A.M.
850 Books, Non-Masonic, and The National Geographic Magazine, from January, 1920, to December, 1942, most of the years being complete	Bro. R. Shaw, of Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, A.F. & A.M.
2 Books, Masonic	Wor. Bro. R. T. Bell, Ionic Lodge No. 25, A.F. & A.M.
88 Books, Non-Masonic	The late Bro. T. Thurman, Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 3, A.F. & A.M.
23 Books, Masonic	R.W. Bro. H. M. Kerr, Tweed Lodge, Brandon, No. 113, A.F. & A.M.

R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman (93) moved that the report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education, including the report on the Library, be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. R. M. Muckle (2). Carried.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WAR RELIEF

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through its Special Committee on War Relief, begs to report as follows:

The Committee has, during the year, received further additions to its funds, and now has on hand the amount of $12,247.07.

No payments have been made out of the fund during the Masonic Year just closed.

An application for assistance was received from another Lodge in China, but after careful consideration, it was found that notwithstanding the great increase in the amount of Chinese currency which could be purchased with Canadian money, such increase was more than offset by the inflation which had taken place in that country. It was found that to send money was not only difficult, but was of no practical advantage to those whom it was sought to aid, and that because goods could not be sent to China, it was not possible to comply with the request for assistance.

Enquiries have been made into the possibility of assisting in the re-establishment of Freemasonry on the Island of Malta. These enquiries are being proceeded with, and if they establish that practical assistance to the Brethren of this heroic and devoted island can be given, the Committee will so recommend.

Fraternally submitted,

BEN. C. PARKER,
Chairman.

Presented by M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (4), who moved the report be received and adopted, seconded by W. Bro. George Fairbairn (130).

THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WAR SERVICES

To the Grand Master, Officers and Members,
The Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Brethren:

The Special Committee on War Services, appointed by the Grand Master, and approved by the Board of General Purposes, begs leave to submit for consideration of the Grand Lodge, through the Board of General Purposes, the following brief report:

On January 19th, 1944, a letter was sent to the Secretary of each constituent Lodge (104) enclosing a copy of the report adopted at the Banff Conference of the four Western jurisdictions in September, 1943, on Reconstruction and Rehabilitation. In that communication it was made clear what the committee on "Special War Services" had in mind as to the organization to be effected and the task to be performed in each of the constituent Lodges in this jurisdiction.

It is now almost five months since this communication was sent out, and at this date only 27, less than 26%, of the Lodge Secretaries have so much as acknowledged its receipt. That means that 77 of the Lodge Secretaries did not even acknowledge the receipt of the communication. Your committee ventures to hope that much more is being done or has been done by our Lodges in this important matter than these figures indicate. A summary of the reports so far received is as follows:

27 Lodges have replied.

2 by letter only.

10 have set up a committee and have a definite plan to accomplish this task. Some of these plans are excellent.

15 sent in lists—partial in most cases—some of which are excellently prepared. In two of the 15, there is no classification as to members, sons and daughters.

Total persons registered:

Members	84
Sons of Members	355
Daughters	11
Unclassified	28
Total	478

Lodges that have replied:

1. Prince Rupert's
10. Northern Light
24. Neepawa
25. Ionic
40. Deloraine
63. Holland
68. Vermillion
82. Cvpress
93. King Edward
100. Bobbie Burns
101. Binscarth
102. Manitou
107. Lansdowne
111. Acacia
112. Ophir
117. Strathcona
118. Mound
120. Penza
124. The Pas
127. Empire
131. Kildonan
144. Fort Osborne
145. Sturgeon Creek
148. Seven Oaks
151. Dormer
153. Flin Flon
154. Pine Falls

The permanent record of each enlisted person will be placed on a card and filed in the Grand Secretary's office for ready reference. You will readily appreciate the amount of clerical work involved in all this, and the new committee will appreciate the fullest co-operation of Lodge committees, Masters and Secretaries in compiling and sending in, as soon as possible, their lists to facilitate the completion of the work. Let us not slacken our efforts till the last enlisted person has been registered. Please remember that only members of our Lodges, their sons and their daughters are wanted.

Respectfully submitted,

P. T. PILKEY,
Chairman.

Moved by R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey (25), the report be received and adopted, seconded by W. Bro. R. E. Emmett (121). Carried.

MOTION RE MASONIC DISTRICTS

That the Masonic Districts, as at present constituted, remain so for the ensuing year.

Moved by M.W. Bro. H. Bletcher (1), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman (93). The motion was carried.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment at 5:00 p.m. by M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker, Grand Master, to reconvene at 8:00 p.m. for the Evening Session.

Evening Session

Wednesday, June 7th, 1944.

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters' procession entered the Lodge Room, the brethren singing the processional hymn, "O God of Love, O King of Peace."

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. Ben. C. Parker, at 8:20 p.m., with prayer by R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, D.D.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The following distinguished guests were presented at the Altar:

Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

M.W. Bro. Col. Frank W. Matson, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. Ralph Stanford, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. Chauncey C. Colton, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. Wm. P. Sturtz, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. Louis H. Colson, P.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Wm. F. Holman, D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Herbert H. Hoar, Grand Marshal.
Presented by M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of North Dakota:
M.W. Bro. Charles M. Pollock, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. Harry W. Gill, P.G.M.
Presented by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan:
M.W. Bro. S. J. A. Branion, G.M.
Presented by M.W. Bro. D. S. Woods, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of Alberta:
M.W. Bro. George F. Ellis, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. George Moore, P.G.M., and Grand Secretary.
Presented by M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario):
R.W. Bro. I. Wellington Smith.
Presented by M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt, P.G.M.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master received and welcomed our distinguished guests, and requested the Most Worshipful brethren who introduced them, to show them to seats in the Grand East.

FLAG CEREMONY

Bro. Roy Steward of the Cameron Highlanders, bearing the Union Jack.

Bro. Capt. Florine, member of the local U.S. Forces, bearing the Stars and Stripes.

These brethren entered, were received, and presented the Flags at the Altar.

The brethren sang one verse each of
"God Save the King"
and
"The Star-Spangled Banner".

Prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain, and the Flags were placed in the Grand East.

The Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges were presented:

Alabama	R.W. Bro. F. H. Dagg
Alberta	R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr
Arizona	V.W. Bro. O. L. Best
Arkansas	R.W. Bro. J. D. Harrower
Canada (in Ontario)	M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence
Chili	M.W. Bro. N. J. Black
Connecticut	R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan
Cuba	W. Bro. J. Morgan Davies
Denmark	M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni
District of Columbia	R.W. Bro. A. H. Steventon
England	M.W. Bro. W. J. Major
France, N.G.L.	R.W. Bro. C. H. Midwinter
Georgia	R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell
Honduras	R.W. Bro. A. G. Cowan
Illinois	R.W. Bro. W. R. Leslie
Indiana	W. Bro. R. E. Emmett
Ireland	M.W. Bro. J. T. Boyd
Kansas	M.W. Bro. Jabez Miller
Maine	R.W. Bro. W. D. Harper
Mexico, Y.G.L.	R.W. Bro. M. A. Nitikman
Michigan	R.W. Bro. O. S. Ross
Minnesota	M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker
Mississippi	M.W. Bro. G. N. Jackson
Missouri	R.W. Bro. Maris H. Garton
Montana	R.W. Bro. M. S. Watson
Nebraska	R.W. Bro. Hugh Mackenzie
New Brunswick	M.W. Bro. G. R. Calvert
New Hampshire	M.W. Bro. George Hunter
New Mexico	R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly
New South Wales	M.W. Bro. Jas. Mackie
New Zealand	R.W. Bro. Samuel Burland
North Dakota	R.W. Bro. J. Frank Dart
Ohio	W. Bro. A. E. Boyle
Puerto Rico	R.W. Bro. G. V. Henderson
Prince Edward Island	R.W. Bro. T. R. Falconer
Rio de Janeiro	R.W. Bro. Wm. Cairns
Saskatchewan	R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess
Scotland	M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas
Utah	R.W. Bro. D. MacDonald
Virginia	M.W. Bro. Harry Woods
Washington	R.W. Bro. G. R. Mackay

Each brought greetings from the Grand Lodge he represented, after which they were accorded Grand Honors, and the M.W. Grand Master addressed them as follows:

My Brothers:

Your presence here this evening as Grand Representatives of the Most Worshipful and distinguished Grand Lodges which you respectively represent, is an evidence of the unity and solidarity of Freemasonry.

Your kindly and generous greetings are gladly received and most heartily reciprocated by me on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

The circle which you have formed, extending from the Grand East, by way of the Grand South, to the Grand West and back to the Grand East again, may well be taken as symbolic of the world in which we live and you, individually, as the component parts working together to make it a strong cohesive whole. When we look to the centre of that circle and there discover the Three Great Lights of Freemasonry, the Holy Bible, Square and Compass, we know that if their teachings are taken as the common unifying principle working through us in that world we symbolize, the contribution of Freemasonry to future world citizens will be worthy of our great Order and that we will have done much to bring "peace, order and good government to the farthest parts of the earth."

To you who represent Grand Lodges in Nazi-occupied lands, may I say that this Grand Lodge is not unmindful of your plight and not insensible to your courage and devotion. It is our hope that out of our funds we may be of help in re-establishing your Lodges. In the meantime, may we say:

"In courage keep your hearts,
In strength lift up your hands."

Of all of you, I make the request that you write to the respective Grand Lodges you represent, expressing our gratification in your presence here, reciprocating your good wishes, and expressing the hope that our next Annual Communication will be in a world of peace.

M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (4), on behalf of the Grand Representatives, replied to the welcome of the Grand Master.

Bro. J. Leslie Poynter, acting Grand Organist, led the brethren in singing.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
A.F. & A.M.:

My Brethren:

We are now gathered together in the 69th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M. I find great pride and happiness in the splendid attendance of brethren from all parts of the province, and in the presence of so many distinguished visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions, both in the United States and in Canada. Each of you by his presence gives evidence of an interest in and concern for our great Order, which augurs well for its future strength and usefulness.

One year ago, you elected me Grand Master. My term of office is now almost at its close. The "days and moments swiftly flying" have brought much of joy, something of sorrow, and much of hope and promise. Time is inexorable, and we may say with Omar Khayam:

"The moving finger writes, and having writ, moves on.
Nor all your piety nor wit
Can lure it back, to cancel half a line,
Nor all your tears wash out a line of it."

Time is irrevocable . . . .

"Like the dew on the mountain,
Like the foam on the river
Like the bubble on the fountain
It is gone—and forever."

While it is true that Time is inexorable and irrevocable, we are given the hope that some lasting contribution to the good of our craft, some permanent record on the palimpsest of its misery will continue, and will help and guide those who follow after us.

It is customary for the Grand Master to give a record of his various District and Lodge visitations, and this I shall do in the form of an appendix to this address, so that those who are interested in such a record may be able to read it at their leisure.

I cannot refrain, however, from commenting on some of the experiences of the year.

During the year under review, more than sixty meetings and gatherings have been attended. It has been my privilege to be present at all of the district meetings in the eleven districts of this Grand Jurisdiction, accompanied at ten meetings by M.W. Bro. Harry Woods; R.W. Bro. Burland, D.G.M.; R.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey, S.G.W., and R.W. Bro. Maurice Donovan, J.G.W. M.W. Bro. Woods, R.W. Bro. Burland and R.W. Bro. Donovan were unable to attend the District meeting of the Ninth Masonic District at Swan River on Sept. 27, 1943, and were unable to attend the meetings at Flin Flon on Sept. 28, 1943, and at The Pas on Sept. 30, 1943. In addition to these brethren, I was, in nearly every case, supported and encouraged by the presence of other Past Grand Masters; amongst whom, special mention should be made of M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, M.W. Bro. William Fenwick, M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd, M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence, M.W. Bro. George R. Calvert and M.W. Bro. George Hunter. To these Past Grand Masters, I acknowledge a special debt of gratitude for their assistance. So long as Freemasonry in Manitoba continues to receive the benefit of the experience and advice of these well skilled brethren, and of the Past Grand Masters generally, the future of the Order is well assured.

I also received the support of the other elected and appointed officers of the Grand Lodge, all of whom, with one exception, have attended District meetings where possible, and all of whom assisted in making the District meetings successful, and in forging new bonds of friendship throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

During the year, several Lodges celebrated anniversaries. In July, accompanied by distinguished brethren from Winnipeg and Brandon, I attended Oriental Lodge No. 54, at Melita, on the ocasion of the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of that Lodge. On October 17, 18, 19, 1943, Ionic Lodge No. 25 celebrated at Winnipeg its sixtieth anniversary. On the 21st of October, 1943, Meridian Lodge No. 140 at Winnipeg, celebrated its twenty-first anniversary. On the 14th April, 1944, Tuscan Lodge No. 141 celebrated at Winnipeg its twenty-first anniversary. On May 5th, 1944, Glenwood Lodge No. 27 celebrated its sixtieth anniversary at Souris.

On June 9th, 1943, accompanied by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, M.W. Bro. Harry Woods, and M.W. Bro. George Calvert, I attended the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, at Fargo. Because of the difficulties of travel, and conflicting dates, I was unable to attend the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, but I was ably represented by the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Sam Burland, at the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan; and by the Senior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey, at the Grand Lodges of Alberta and British Columbia. From each and all of these attendances, much good has resulted, not only in the added knowledge as to the methods and problems of these sister Grand Jurisdictions, but also from the personal contacts established, and old friendships renewed, and new friendships formed.

For some time past, M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd has contributed to the well-founded and growing friendship existing between the Grand Lodge of Minnesota and our Grand Lodge. Through his kindness, a worthy company of Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, accompanied me to the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, which met at St. Paul on the 18th and 19th January, 1944. The brethren accompanying me on that occasion, in addition to M.W. Bro. J. T. Boyd, were M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, M.W. Bro. Harry Woods, M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence, M.W. Bro. Geo. R. Calvert, and R.W. Bro. Peter Pilkey. The Grand Lodge of Minnesota most courteously extended to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba the privilege of installing its Grand Lodge officers on this occasion, the ceremony being conducted by M.W. Bro. Harry Woods, assisted by the other members of the Manitoba delegation.

On all of these occasions, your representatives were cordially received and royally entertained.

Divine services to which your Grand Master and Grand Lodge representatives were invited were as follows:

> Ionic No. 25, at St. Paul's United Church, Winnipeg, the Senior Grand Warden, Rev. Peter T. Pilkey, preaching, on October 17, 1943. The service was a very fitting commencement of the celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of the institution of Ionic Lodge.
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> The First Masonic District held divine service at Grace United Church, Winnipeg, Rev. W. G. Martin preaching, on March 19, 1944.
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> The Twelfth Masonic District held divine service at St. Paul's United Church, Winnipeg, on the 23rd April, 1944, R.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey preaching.
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> The Past Masters' Association held divine service at St. Matthew's Anglican Church at Winnipeg, on the 14th May, 1944, M.W. Bro. Canon George R. Calvert preaching.

All of these services were attended by large numbers of our brethren, and the service of the Past Masters' Association was broadcast. The beneficial results of these services has been so marked that it is hoped that similar services will be held in all of the districts of Manitoba, in the coming year, and throughout the years to follow.

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Divine services have been held in other districts, and by a great number of Lodges throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

The holding of these services is greatly to be commended.

More than a score of Lodges have been officially visited, but of these meetings I propose only to refer to the meetings of Tweed Lodge No. 113, at Brandon, on the 15th February, 1944; of Assiniboine Lodge No. 7, at Portage la Prairie, on 21st February, 1944; of Emerson No. 6, at Emerson, on April 20th, 1944; of Shiloh No. 70, at Roland, on May 11th, 1944; and of Carman No. 155, at Carman, May 16th, 1944. Particular mention is made of these visits for experiment. The host Lodge in each case invited the Lodges within easy access of their respective meeting places to attend, and in each instance the attendance was large, and an opportunity was given, not only to hear the messages of the Grand Lodge officers, but also for the brethren to meet and bring about closer communion of the Lodges attending, and of the brethren of these Lodges. I am convinced that if it were possible to hold such meetings throughout this Grand Jurisdiction each year, much good would result, and a better understanding would be brought about of the fact that Grand Lodge and constituent Lodges are parts of the same great organization.

A meeting of Lisgar No. 2 at Selkirk on the 25th April, 1944, deserves special mention, as this was the occasion of the celebration of the burning of the mortgage on their Masonic Temple. The congratulations of this Grand Lodge are due to the brethren of Lisgar No. 2, on the success of their campaign to retire their mortgage in the face of many difficulties, and our congratulations are gladly accorded them in the successful outcome of their effort.

The Study Group of "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114 at Winnipeg was attended on several occasions, always with pleasure and profit. This Study Group deserves particular commendation, and affords a splendid example and inspiration to those concerned with the programs and problems of Study Groups. The earnest and continued zeal of W. Bro.

A. E. Boyle and the brethren of "The Assiniboine" Lodge afford a fine example to the brethren of other Lodges who feel that Study Groups are a valuable and essential part of their Lodge program.

The Annual Meeting of the Past Masters' Association, held at Winnipeg on December 27th, 1943, was interesting and helpful. Under the presidency of R.W. Bro. Geo. E. Myles, supported by W. Bro. T. L. Dodsworth, First Vice-President, and W. Bro. Stephen Sametz, Second Vice-President, and the able committees, the Past Masters' Association is increasing in activity and value to the fraternity.

It remains for me to refer to the conference of the Grand Lodge Officers of the Western Canadian Masonic Jurisdictions, which was held at Banff, Alberta, on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 10th and 11th, 1943. This annual conference is growing in usefulness, and the increasing interest in its work is indicated by the fact that there was a full attendance of all those entitled to be present, with the exception of M.W. Bro. Douglas Fraser, I.P.G.M. of Saskatchewan, whose attendance was rendered impossible by circumstances beyond his control, but whose presence and wise counsel were greatly missed.

Manitoba had a full representation, consisting of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Grand Secretary and Immediate Past Grand Master.

The work of the conference was seriously undertaken. Amongst the subjects dealt with were the following:

(a) Movement of members from one jurisdiction to another, and plans for establishing Masonic contacts, not only in the case of brethren moving from one Grand Jurisdiction to another, but also with respect to those moving from one locality to another within the Jurisdiction. A plan was evolved, and forms prepared for the purpose of giving it effect, and the co-operation of the four Grand Jurisdictions was assured. These forms will be made available to the Secretaries of the constituent Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction at an early date.

(b) Desirability of inter-provincial meetings, and the possibility of holding such meetings. It was felt that under present restrictions of travel, it was not possible at the present time to work out any satisfactory program for such meetings, but that the project should be kept in mind, to be dealt with as soon as travel restrictions were ended.

(c) Post-war rehabilitation.

(d) Freemasonry and the new world.

(e) Freemasonry's job in a world at war.

(f) The job of Freemasonry in the Post-War World.

As a result of the discussions of these four topics (c), (d), (e) and (f), a committee of the conference was set up, with sub-committees in each Grand Jurisdiction; the sub-committee in this Grand Jurisdiction being under the chairmanship of the Senior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey.

(g) The publicity and secrecy of Freemasonry.

This topic received a very great deal of discussion, and the Declaration of Principles adopted by this Grand Lodge was the subject of favorable comment.

After the discussion of the subjects set out above, one session of the conference was conducted as an open forum, at which opinions and information were freely interchanged on many subjects.

Even such a sketchy report as I am able to give on the work of this conference would be incomplete without an acknowledgment of the disinterested and altruistic efforts of the members present, and, too, without paying tribute to the kind hospitality of the brethren of Alberta, and particularly M.W. Bro. Geo. Ellis, who has been a mainspring in the organization; and to M.W. Bro. Russell Bradley, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

In concluding my report on visitations, I wish to express my humble thanks to all of the brethren who have helped to make these meetings a success. It is because of their help that I am able to say to you that the Grand Lodge of Manitoba is strong and in good health, and is waxing stronger day by day. Its strength is indicated, not only by the number of applications for membership, but by the increased interest in the Lodges and in their work; and in the underlying and fundamental teachings of Freemasonry. Without the help of devoted brethren in each district, and in each Lodge, the pure light which shines from our altars can never have that wide range of illumination which we so much desire.

It has been a source of never-ending pleasure during the past year to note the number of young men on active service, or enlisting for active service in the armed forces of our country, who are being initiated into Freemasonry. One of the surest foundations upon which a young man can build the structure of his life, and one of the surest shelters for him in time of stress and trial, is to be found in the Masonic Order. This is true in the noise and tumult of battle; and when the war has ended, Freemasonry will be one of the largest factors in helping him to retain a proper perspective and a proper evaluation of the fundamental things of life. It will be a sure guide to him in the days of his re-establishment in peaceful pursuits.

During the year now closing, many well beloved brethren have been called from their earthly dwelling to the Lodge on high, that "house not built with hands, eternal in the heavens." More than two hundred of our brethren have been called from us. The committee on the fraternal dead, at the proper time during our proceedings, will pay suitable tribute to these departed brethren.

I trust you will forgive me for making particular reference to one distinguished brother who has recently passed from us. M.W. Bro. William Fenwick, who accompanied me on several occasions, has passed to his reward. I shall always carry in memory, as one of my life's most beautiful pictures, the occasion when, on May 5th, 1944, a number of Grand Lodge officers called, with me, to bring greetings to M.W. Bro. Fenwick, to whom we all lovingly referred as "Uncle William." He received us with Mrs. Fenwick; and the picture of those two, standing, each with an arm about the other, and each with an expression of happiness, contentment and understanding, is a thing to be treasured in memory.

We mourn the passing of these brethren, and our hearts go out in sympathy to their loved ones. In token of our sorrow and sympathy I ask you to stand in silence.

While we mourn the loss of the brethren who have gone before us, we rejoice that there remains with us a goodly company of brethren who have toiled through the morning, and through the heat of the day, and who now enjoy that well-earned recognition of duty and service well performed. It was my pleasure during the year that is past to present veterans' jewels to the following brethren:

> M.W. Bro. Francis J. Burd, No. 25. Initiated in Ionic Lodge No. 25, 7th April, 1893; passed, 2nd June, 1893; raised, 7th July, 1893. Moved to Vancouver, B.C., and elected Junior Grand Warden, 1908; Senior Grand Warden, 1909; Deputy Grand Master, 1910; Grand Master, 1911. Fifty-Year Medal was presented by M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker, Grand Master, at the Sixtieth Anniversary of Ionic Lodge No. 25, on October 18th, 1943.
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> M.W. Bro. Jabez Miller, No. 25. Initiated in Hope Lodge No. 114, G.R.C. (in Ontario), 24th June, 1893; passed, 3rd August, 1893; raised, 1st September, 1893. Affiliated with Ionic Lodge No. 25, 1st September, 1899; Master of Ionic No. 25, 1908; Senior Grand Deacon, 1911; D.D.G.M., 1912; Grand Treasurer, 1920-1-2-3; Junior Grand Warden, 1924; Senior Grand Warden,

1925; Deputy Grand Master, 1926; Grand Master, 1927. Fifty-Year Medal presented by M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker, Grand Master, at the Sixtieth Anniversary of Ionic Lodge No. 25, on October 18th, 1943.

R.W. Bro. Daniel McLean, No. 93. Initiated in Belmont Lodge No. 13, 16th March, 1893; passed, 13th April, 1893; raised, 11th May, 1893; demitted, 23rd February, 1899. Joined Millbank Lodge No. 20, South Dakota, 20th July, 1899; demitted, 20th February, 1902. Joined Ionic Lodge No. 25, G.R.M., 4th December, 1903; demitted, 24th June, 1905. Joined as Charter Member, King Edward Lodge No. 93, 21st September, 1904; Master, 1907; D.D.G.M. First Masonic District, 1910. Fifty-Year Medal presented by M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker, G.M., at their Past Masters' Night, October 20th, 1943.

R.W. Bro. Richard R. Knox, No. 93. Initiated in St. John's Lodge No. 63, Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario), 31st August, 1887; passed, 28th September, 1887; raised, 14th December, 1887; demitted, 9th November, 1904. Joined King Edward Lodge No. 93 as a Charter Member on 21st September, 1904; master, 1908; D.D.G.M. First Masonic District, 1920. Joined Lord Selkirk Lodge No. 137 as a Charter Member on 18th November, 1921. Medal presented by the Grand Master at King Edward Lodge No. 93 at their Past Masters' Night, October 20th, 1943.

R.W. Bro. Frank Manning, No. 104. Initiated in Acacia Lodge No. 61, G.R.C., 10th November, 1893; passed, 9th December, 1893; raised, 9th February, 1894; demitted, 10th February, 1899. Charter Member and first Master of Shiloh Lodge No. 70, at Roland. Charter Member and First Master of Reston Lodge No. 104, Reston. D.D.G.M. Sixth Masonic District, in 1929. Medal presented by R.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan, Junior Grand Warden, at Reston Lodge No. 104, on November 11th, 1943.

R.W. Bro. James W. Guthrie, No. 104. Initiated in Lebanon No. 43, G.R.M., on September 26th, 1893; passed, October 31st, 1893; raised, April 17th, 1894. A Life Member of Lebanon Lodge No. 43, Virden. Charter Member of Reston Lodge No. 104, and Master of the Lodge in 1910. D.D.G.M. Sixth Masonic District, in 1922. Medal presented by R.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan, Junior Grand Warden, at Reston Lodge No. 104, on November 11th, 1943.

R.W. Bro. Thomas J. Butchart, No. 15. Initiated in Corinthian Lodge No. 15, 7th November, 1893; passed, 5th December, 1893; raised, 2nd January, 1894; Master, 1903; D.D.G.M., 1906. Medal presented by M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, P.G.M., at Corinthian Lodge No. 15, on 7th December, 1943.

R.W. Bro. Charles Wilson, No. 67. Initiated in Treherne Lodge No. 51, 15th April, 1892; passed, 5th August, 1892; raised, 2nd September, 1892; demitted, 6th May, 1903. Charter Member of Rathwell Lodge No. 67 as Senior Warden, joining 5th May, 1903; Master of No. 67, 1905; Grand Steward, 1909; D.D.G.M. Third Masonic District, 1913. Medal presented by R.W. Bro. H. R. Bewes, D.D.G.M. of Third Masonic District, at a meeting of Rathwell Lodge No. 67, on January 4th, 1944.

Bro. Archie Muggoch, No. 4. Affiliated with St. John's Lodge No. 4 on the 6th May, 1914, from Scotia Lodge No. 178, Glasgow, Scotland. Presented at St. John's Lodge No. 4, by M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker, Grand Master, on April 5th, 1944.

R.W. Bro. Aaron Badger, No. 155. Initiated in Glenwood Lodge No. 27, 23rd March, 1891 (22 years old); passed, 24th April, 1891; raised, 22nd May, 1891; demitted, 13th April, 1894. Joined Oakland Lodge No. 9, 21st April, 1896; Master, 1900; demitted, 11th February, 1911; reinstated 19th February, 1918, from Outlook Lodge No. 65, G.R.S. D.D.G.M. Eighth Masonic

District, 1918. Senior Grand Deacon of Grand Lodge, 1923. Oakland Lodge No. 9 lost its charter, 16th December, 1931. Charter Member of Carman Lodge No. 155, 7th September, 1933. Medal presented by M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker, Grand Master, at Emerson Lodge No. 6, on April 20th, 1944.

No experience during the year has been more pleasant than that of presenting these Jewels to the brethren to whom it was my privilege to make such presentations; and while I thank M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, R.W. Bro. Maurice Donovan, and R.W. Bro. H. R. Bewes, for representing me, and making presentations on my behalf, as already indicated, I am sure that they were amply rewarded by the pleasure which it gave them to make these presentations.

It is the earnest hope of all of us that these brethren, together with those who already have earned these distinctions, may be long spared to enjoy the rewards which are their due, and to be the "guides, philosophers and friends" of their brother Freemasons.

During the past year our well-beloved Grand Secretary sustained the greatest bereavemnt to fall to the lot of man, in the death of Mrs. Russell, his companion of so many years. In addition to this bereavement, it has been his misfortune to suffer injury and impaired health. Nevertheless, with that courage and devotion to duty which have always been amongst his outstanding qualities, he has carried on his work bravely and effectively, and has been a constant source of wisdom and strength to your Grand Master and to the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction. It is gratifying to be able to report that his health and strength have greatly improved, and it is the hope of all that he may be spared many years for further service to his brethren.

Amongst all of the brethren who have made outstanding contributions to Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction, no one has been more generous of his time and talents than M.W. Bro. Harry Woods. His great knowledge of all things pertaining to Freemasonry has at all times been subject to the call of the Grand Master and Officers and Committees of Grand Lodge. His knowledge and skill as a ritualist have been a source of inspiration to all of the brethren of Grand Lodge. Our sincere thanks and appreciation are gladly accorded him.

To the thoughtful man, it must be apparent that from the creation of the world, the Great Architect of the Universe has ordained laws for its government in all of its varied aspects, and in all of the spheres of life and action which continue to make up the whole of material, mental and moral or spiritual existence. The existence of law and order in the world must imply, and does inescapably imply an ordering Mind or Being, over and above all. Order does not proceed from chaos. Chaos begets nothing but chaos. Order and law come only from a Directing and Governing Principle. Every new discovery or invention is only further proof of the greatness and goodness of that Directing and Governing Principle which we call God.

The great wonder is not that man has made such great progress in the way of new discoveries, and in the fashioning of new inventions, but rather that he has, through the long ages of his existence on this earth, succeeded so imperfectly and haltingly in learning first to understand, and then to submit in obedence to the salutary and beneficent laws so laid down from the beginning of time.

Every law of the Great Architect of the Universe is intended for the good of His creatures, but, like man-made laws, if they are not properly understood, and if obedience to their true intent is not freely given by man, they may be turned from blessings to evil purposes.

In the realm of matter and of force, man has made remarkable advance in the days which have marked the last hundred years. The discoveries of science and their application to human needs have been great. To refer to only a few, we may mention the internal combustion engine, the discoveries and inventions which have made electricity the willing servant of man; the discoveries and inventions in the field of the telegraph and the telephone and the radio, which have given a new meaning to time and distance; the aeroplane, which has made this earth a small place, with its most remote parts now within a few hours' flight from any given point.

All of these things, which we accept as common, everyday matters of course, to our forefathers would have seemed miraculous. We take them for granted, and do not stop to enquire whence flow these blessings. We even, at times, regard them as not being blessings at all, and indeed, because of our perverse human minds, we have, in many cases, turned them from their true use of ministering to the health, comfort and security of mankind, to engines of destruction.

The ghastly destruction of this present war—the most devastating, destructive and bloody war which has ever brought ruin, sorrow and pain to mankind—is the greatest indictment that could be laid against man, before the Bar of Justice in the Courts of the Most High.

The very things that should make for the good life among men, are being used to crush out the lives of men, women and children, and to lay waste and destroy the fruits of the labor and genius of generations of men.

Surely this is a time for heart-searching; for honest, dispassionate enquiry into the causes which have worked together to bring about this cataclysmic catastrophe. We shall never discover all of these causes, but one of them is so clear that it is easily discernible.

The first and great cause is that, while man has made, and is still making progress in the material world, he has been so intent on following after "the fleshpots of Egypt" that he has failed to keep pace in his moral and spiritual life, with this material progress. We have lost sight of the great truth that, while the things of the world, material things, are doomed to rust and decay, the things of the spirit endure forever.

> "The things that most men know about
> Are property and lands,
> But why the leaves are on the trees,
> And why the winds disturb the seas,
> Why winter comes and rivers freeze,
> Why Faith is more than what one sees,
> And Hope survives the worst disease,
> And Charity if more than these
> They do not understand."

The great need of the present and of the future is a return to the things of the spirit, the things unseen, but which give proper understanding and true direction to the pursuits and lives of men.

Much is said and written of the glorious world of tomorrow which is to follow the dark and hideous world of today. Let us not deceive ourselves. That better world in which we may live the good life will not come in the morn of tomorrow, full blown like the rose. It will come only by our own earnest, selfless struggle to learn and live according to the laws of the Great Architect of the Universe, according to the designs which He has drawn on His trestle board.

There is a great need for us today to give close attention to the movements and conflicts which are discernible in the world. Even before the outbreak of war, there were two kinds of conflicts, two sectors of opposing interests. The one was the sector of international conflict—the struggle between nations for the gaining or maintaining of advantages of territory, of trade and commerce, and the gaining of strength in a military way to aid in securing and holding all such advantages. The other sector is that in which the common material interests of classes or groups of men in different nations form the basis for organization and struggle for their attainment. Organized labor and organized capital are examples of groups having interests generally regarded as conflicting one with the other, but each having common interests with the corresponding groups in other countries.

Political groups, such as Socialists and Communists and Fascists, are other groups with international outlooks and interests. All these groups and classes have interests which cut across national lines, and tend to carry on their conflicts and activities without regard to nationality or national boundary. They tend to set up class and group loyalties.

The war has shown that the national loyalties are stronger than the loyalties to class or group. It must not be forgotten, however, that these class or group loyalties are still alive, and very strong, and our own Canadian experience should teach us that the conflicts which have been forgotten during the war, are, at most, only dormant, and are sure to be revived after the coming of peace. Classes and groups of men will still seek their own gain, and we must expect a great deal of class and group and sectional antagonism, until men of all classes and groups and sections come to a proper realization of their interdependence, one with another, and to a realization that anything gained for one group, which is not fair and just to all others, is only an incentive to struggle and conflict on the part of those who deem themselves unjustly dealt with. The result can only be a self-perpetuating and never-ending conflict.

Something higher than self-interest must be found as a basis for our thought and planning and acting, if peace, international and national, is to be achieved. When men learn that an injury to a fellowman is an injury to all men, and that help given to a fellowman is help to all men, in that it increases the sum total of human good and welfare; when men come to understand the teachings of the Prince of Peace, and to live according to them, we shall see that glorious tomorrow of our dreaming.

To bring about this better day, who should be more prepared than the members of our Craft? We have had our eyes turned to the volume of the Sacred Law, not only as a guide to our faith, but as the spur to our actions. What better guide could we have? It is sure and true like the fixed stars. New teachings are set before us from time to time, some with fine sounding names, and great though evanescent brilliance. But what mariner would seek to steer his vessel's course safe home to harbor, by the flashing brilliance of a meteor, instead of by the true and lasting and proven light of the fixed stars.

We have learned the strength and virtue of brotherly love, relief and truth. We know that friendship, morality and brotherly love are the true marks left by a Freemason on the ashlar of his life's work. We know that under the Fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man should and must have being and recognition.

Let us then resolve that conscious of the power that lies within us, we will examine the past, to learn, where possible, its errors and omissions, and to preserve those things which are good; and that we will so live in the present, that the good which has come to us from the past, will be maintained, will be added to, and enriched by our united endeavors under God, and will be handed on to future generations, as a new foundation for their striving and building, as something worthy of ourselves, which shall cause them to rise up and call us blessed.

Above all, let us realize that our greatest field for service to our fellowmen lies, not in the Lodge room, but in the places where men meet for work and labor, or for recreation and pleasure. There the seed of friendship sprouts and grows, at first putting forth its tender searching rootlets, and sending up its small and fragile stem, but later, when the rootlets have become the stout roots of understanding and trust and confidence, then the fragile stem becomes the "sheltering tree" of tried and true friendship.

When men everywhere, in business, at work, in our councils and parliaments, can meet as Freemasons meet in our Lodges, with faith and confidence in one another, and in the spirit of altruistic friendship, which we are taught, then truth and even-handed justice will prevail, and that happy day will come, when

"Man to man the world o'er
Shall brithers be for a' that."

R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey (25) thanked the Grand Master for his fine address and moved it be referred to the Committee on Grand Master's Address, seconded by R.W. Bro. J. Frank Dart (93).

SONGS

Bro. Ernest Burrows entertained Grand Lodge with three delightful songs.

GREETINGS

The Most Worshipful Grand Master called on M.W. Bro. Col. Frank W. Matson, P.G.M., of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and M.W. Bro. S. J. A. Branion, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, to address the brethren.

Each of these distinguished guests brought warm, friendly greetings from their respective Grand Lodges, with mesages of hope and inspiration for the future outlook of Freemasonry, with a world at peace again.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master thanked our guest speakers for their timely messages of good will, and looked forward with confidence to the future welfare of the Craft.

GRAND CHAPTER OF MANITOBA, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

The Grand Secretary read the following letter, received from the above Grand Body who were in Annual Session at the Royal Alexandra Hotel:

118 Carman Ave., Winnipeg.
June 6th, 1944.

Mr. J. H. G. Russell,
Grand Secretary,
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.,
Fort Garry Hotel,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dear Sir:

It was the unanimous decision of the members of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, Order of the Eastern Star, that Greetings and Best Wishes for a most successful and harmonious Convocation be sent to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., now in Session.

We were delighted to have Mr. B. C. Parker, your Most Worshipful Grand Master, accompanied by some members of his suite, with us at our Informal Opening, and may all your deliberations be most successful.

May we also extend congratulations to the incoming Most Worshipful Grand Master and Officers.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

EDITH KEEL,
Grand Secretary.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master expressed our appreciation for this letter of greeting, and asked that a suitable reply be sent.

U.S. MASONIC SERVICE CENTRES

R.W. Bro. Herbert H. Hoar, Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, had a moving picture film of a day at one of their Service Centres, and while the Lodge Room was being prepared to screen the films, he explained the work being carried on at these Service Centres in aid of their Armed Forces during the hours of leave from the various Camps.

The film presented a very vivid picture of the great social work being carried on for the benefit of Armed Forces of the United States.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master thanked R.W. Bro. Hoar for his thoughtfulness in presenting the film and for the information he gave about this most valuable service to their soldiers.

ADJOURNMENT

The Most Worshipful Grand Master called Grand Lodge from Labor to Refreshment at 11:00 p.m. till 10:30 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, June 8th, 1944.

Second Day

Thursday, June 8th, 1944.

Morning Session

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor at 10.35 by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. Ben. C. Parker, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master extended to our Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. John L. McInnis, D.D. (114), hearty congratulations on the honor conferred on him last evening, in receiving the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity from the United College, Winnipeg. (Applause.)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

This report was presented by R.W. Bro. John L. McInnis, D.D. (114).

REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN

We want to occasionally think back further and further; not only our own personal experiences, but the experiences of those craftsmen who laid the foundation of Freemasonry in the prairie country of Western Canada. By this we will rediscover the extraordinary promise and freshness and experience of the pioneer years of our own jurisdiction.

Thinking back will freshen us up, sharpen our imagination and give us a new perspective. It is not that we want to escape from the present; but we do want sometimes to stand away from it in order to see it more clearly.

Eighty years come next November (1944), eight of our Masonic ancestors had faith as well as vision in the power of a Masonic Lodge. This handful of men brought Freemasonry to a "lone land" and kindled the lamp of brotherhood. The light still burns brightly in scores of cities and towns across the prairie trails of yesterday. Other groups have followed the example of these hardy pioneers and as this year's contribution to the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, your historian submits the original minute of the inaugural meetings of the original Lodge, Northern Light, instituted under dispensation received from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota; that of Prince Rupert Lodge, of Lisgar Lodge and Ancient Landmark Lodge, all chartered under authority issued by the Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario), and St. John's Lodge, the first Lodge chartered by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

It is fitting that these historic records should find a place in the official proceedings of Grand Lodge, because while the original minute books of all five Lodges are still in existence, by some unexplainable reason, documents of this type have a tendency to disappear among the dust and salvage of yesterday.

The record of old Northern Light Lodge reads:

"The Grand Lodge of Minnesota having issued a warrant empowering the opening of a Lodge U.D. at Fort Garry, Red River Settlement, and having, for the better carrying out of its views, appointed John Schultz, Esq., W.M.; A. G. B. Bannatyne, Esq., J.W., of said Lodge, a meeting of Master Masons was convened at the Lodge Rooms in the building of A. G. B. Bannatyne, Esq., on Tuesday evening, November 8, A.D. 1864, A.L. 5864, at which the following officers were elected to serve during the year:

1. On motion of Bro. A. G. B. Bannatyne, seconded by Bro. C. Curtis, Bro. W. Coldwell was elected Secretary.

Bro. C. Curtis, seconded by Bro. R. Morgan, moved that Bro. W. M. Hall be the Senior Deacon. Carried unanimously.

Bro. W. B. Hall, seconded by Bro. W. Inkster, nominated Bro. C. Curtis as Junior Deacon. Carried unanimously.

Bro. A. G. B. Bannatyne, seconded by Bro. W. Coldwell, nominated Bro. J. E. Sheal as Treasurer. Carried unanimously.

Bro. W. Inkster, seconded by Bro. W. B. Hall, nominated Bro. R. Morgan as Tyler. Carried unanimously.

2. The petition of Rev. T. T. Smith, to be made a Mason, accompanied by the required fee, and recommended by Bros. John Schultz and A. G. B. Bannatyne, was presented, read and

referred to a committee consisting of Bros. Schultz, Bannatyne and Coldwell, committee to report at next meeting.

3. The petition of Mr. William McMurray to be made a Mason, accompanied by the the required fee, and recommended by Bros. Bannatyne and Coldwell, was presented, read and referred to a committee consisting of Bros. Bannatyne, Sheal and Coldwell.

4. The petition of Rev. W. H. Taylor, to be made a Mason, accompanied by the required fee, and recommended by Bros. Hall and Morgan, was presented, read and referred to a committee consisting of Bros. Hall, Curtis and Morgan.

5. The Treasurer reported the receipt of an invoice from Bro. Curry of St. Cloud, containing charges amounting to $158.00 for outfittings, furnished Northern Light Lodge. The box containing the articles on account of which these charges had been made not having yet arrived, Bros. Schultz, Bannatyne and Sheal were appointed a committee to take steps to procure the box as speedily as possible.

6. At the suggestion of the W.M. the subject of fixing the admission fee for the Lodge was taken up, and it was moved by Bro. Inkster, seconded by Bro. Sheal, that the fee be fixed at £5 stg.

7. Bro. Bannatyne, seconded by Bros. Curtis, moved in amendment that the fee be £4.10/.

8. The amendment was then put and lost, and the original motion carried.

9. On motion of Bro. Curtis, seconded by Bro. Hall, the nights of Regular Communication were arranged to be on every alternate Monday, commencing on 14th inst.

10. Bros. Bannatyne, Inkster, Sheal and Coldwell were appointed a committee to look after the necessary ornaments, fixtures, etc., needed for the Lodge.

11. The Lodge was then closed until the next stated Communication, peace and harmony prevailing.

Receipts of the evening accompanying petitions of:

Rev. T. T. Smith	£1
Mr. W. McMurray	£1
Rev. W. H. Taylor	£1

(Signed) JOHN SCHULTZ,
W.M.

Attest.
(Signed) W. Coldwell, Secy.

The story of the original Lodge has been told in detail in "Freemasonry in Manitoba", and a reference to this book will repay the time of the reader if interested in our early history.

There were stirring events at the Forks of the Red and Asiniboine Rivers in 1870, the year in which the Province of Manitoba was received into the Dominion of Canada. The original Northern Light Lodge had passed into memory and had folded up. The arrival of the military expedition under Wolseley brought to the settlement several craftsmen who remained at Fort Garry after the troops had disbanded. These soldier-Masons re-established Freemasonry and a new Lodge was granted a dispensation by the Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario). We are now dealing with Prince Rupert's Lodge, whose charter members received their authority under date of 21st November, 1870. The name of the Lodge, as set out in the letters of authority, was "Winnipeg Lodge". Only four meetings were held under the original name, and on 6th January, 1871, a minute in the records of the Lodge reads:

"The W.M. having read a letter from the Grand Secy., G.R.C., authorizing the Lodge to change the name of the Lodge as inserted in the dispensation, from "Winnipeg Lodge" to "Prince Rupert's", on motion of S.W., seconded by Bro. J.W., the said change was made."

Let us now recite the inaugural minute dated 16th December, 1870. There were six members present, i.e., Bros. Patterson, Kennedy, Coyne, Champion, Armstrong and Morice.

A letter having been read by Bro. Patterson from the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and a dispensation laid before the brethren from that body to form a Lodge to be known as the "Winnipeg Lodge", with Bro. Patterson as W.M., Bro. Dingman as Senior Warden, and Bro. Kennedy as Junior Warden.

The W.M. having stated that in consequence of Bro. Dingman's return to Canada it would be necessary to substitute another name for his as Senior Warden. It was moved by Bro. Armstrong, seconded by Bro. Champion, that Bro. Kennedy's name be substituted for Bro. Dingman's name as Senior Warden, and Bro. Coyne's for Bro. Kennedy's as Junior Warden. (Carried.)

The bylaws for the guidance of Lodges as proposed by the Grand Lodge of Canada, having been read by the W.M., it was moved by Bro. Kennedy, seconded by Bro. Coyne, that they be adopted. (Carried.)

Moved by Bro. Kennedy, seconded by Bro. Armstrong, that Bro. Morice be Treasurer. (Carried.)

The W.M. appointed Bros. Kennedy, Morice and Armstrong a committee to look for a suitable room or building to use as a Lodge room. On motion, Bro. Champion was appointed Secretary.

The Lodge was closed in harmony at 9:30 p.m.

R. STEWART PATTERSON, W.M.

H. T. Champion,
Secy.

The original minute book commences on December 10th, 1870, and covers the meetings of the Lodge until 2nd April, 1872, during which period the business was conducted in the E.A. Degree. Many of the financial transactions are expressed in terms of sterling; others in dollars and cents.

Within the short space of four weeks from the meeting of Prince Rupert's Lodge, which has been referred to, a second Lodge in Manitoba received a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario).

It is opportune that we should include at this point a copy of the first letter addressed to the petitioners for this second Lodge It is dated 4th January, 1871, and came from the office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Hamilton, Ontario. It was addressed to George Black.

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 5th ultimo, covering a petition for a new Lodge at the Lower Fort Garry and by direction of the M.W. Grand Master, I beg herewith to enclose a Dispensation authorizing the opening of a Lodge to be named "Manitoban", with Bro. John Fraser as W. Master; Bro. Geo. Black, S. Warden; and Bro. Thomas Bunn as J. Warden.

The M.W. Grand Master considering that the Rev'd Bro. R. S. Patterson had been appointed to the office of W.M. of a new Lodge at Fort Garry which probably was unknown to the brethren signing the petition for this Lodge, thought the interest of the Order would be served best by the nomination of another brother to take charge of this one and he therefore advanced the brethren named in the petition in the order as recommended, which he hopes will prove satisfactory to all concerned with the foregoing. I this day mailed to your address a copy of Grand Lodge proceedings at its last annual Communication.

As soon as convenient you will have the goodness to forward the Fee, $20.00, for the Dispensation as required by the Constitution, a copy of which I will send you next week.

It will be necessary in the event of any more petitions being sent down for new Lodges that they should come with the recommendation of the nearest Lodge under Canadian Jurisdiction, and you will have the goodness to mention this fact to the brethren in your District.

Yours fraternally,

THOS. B. HARRIS,
G. Sec.

The brethren lost no time in meeting under the Dispensation, and the first minute of the Lodge we know as Lisgar Lodge reads as follows:

The first Communication of Manitoban Lodge, A.F. & A.M., U.D., G.R.C., was held in the Lodge room, Lower Fort Garry, on Monday evening, the 20th February, A.D. 1871. A.L. 5871.

Officers present: W. Bro. John Fraser, W.M.; W. Bro. Geo. Black, S.W.; W. Bro. Thos. Bunn, J.W.; Bro. W. J. Piton, of Prince Rupert's Lodge, as S.D.; Bro. E. Abell, of North Star Lodge, Minn., as J.D.; Bro. G. H. Kellond, of Prince Rupert's Lodge, as I.G.; Bro. M. Lawson, of Prince Rupert's Lodge, as Tyler. The Lodge was opened in the First Degree at 9 o'clock.

The Dispensation from the M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, authorizing the formation of this Lodge, was then read.

It was moved by W. Bro. Fraser, seconded by Bro. Bunn, and adopted: That the applications of Bros. Lawson, Piton, Kellond, E.A.'s of Prince Rupert's Lodge U.D., be received and placed on the minutes, to be balloted for at our next Communication for affiliation with this Lodge.

The Worshipful Master appointed Bros. Black and Bunn a committee to make the necessary enquiries on the applications of Bros. Piton, Lawson and Kellond for membership, to report thereon at the next regular meeting.

It was moved by Bro. J.W., seconded by Bro. S.W., and adopted: That the applications of Messrs. Samuel Lawrence Bedson, Alexander Stewart Watt and John Duncan Mowat, be received and placed on the minutes, to be balloted for at our next meeting, for initiation into the mysteries of Freemasonry.

The Worshipful Master appointed Bros. Black and Bunn a committee to make the necessary enquiries on the application of Messrs. Watt and Mowat, to report thereon at the next meeting.

Moved by W. Bro. Fraser, seconded by Bro. Black, that the thanks of the Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to Bro. Bunn for his kindness in taking so much trouble as was necessary to obtain the loan of the Jewels, furniture, etc., belonging to the late Northern Light Lodge. Carried unanimously.

On motion of Bro. Bunn, duly seconded, a vote of thanks was tendered to Bros. Black, Piton, Lawson and Kellond, for the zeal they had exhibited in procuring a room and making other arrangements that were necessary for the starting of this Lodge.

The Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 11 o'clock. The Lodge resumed labor at 11:30 o'clock.

The Lodge was closed in the First Degree at 12 o'clock, and the brethren departed in peace and harmony.

JOHN FRASER,
W.M.

W. J. PITON,
as Secy.

The new Lodge met at Lower Fort Garry for two months only. The next location was at Mapleton, where they leased a house "formerly occupied by Mr. McKenzie." Later the Lodge leased a building in North St. Andrews from Bro. B. Ross, and in February, 1879, Lisgar Lodge moved to Selkirk, in which town it has remained until the present day.

There seems to have been an intense interest in things Masonic in the days immediately following the entrance of the Province of Manitoba into the Dominion. We have no direct evidence, but the inference may safely be drawn that our pioneer brethren of 1871 were anxious to institute Lodges in each of the four original counties of the province, i.e., Selkirk, Provencher, Marquette and Lisgar.

Prince Rupert's Lodge was centred in Selkirk County—Lisgar Lodge in Lisgar County—then we know a Dispensation was issued on 18th April, 1871, giving authority to open a Lodge in Portage la Prairie under the name of Assiniboine Lodge.

Still another Dispensation was issued 19th April, 1871, to open International Lodge at North Pembina (Emerson). The Lodges contemplated for Portage la Prairie and Emerson did not materialize until after the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was opened. The Lodge at Emerson was opened in 1876, and that at Portage la Prairie in 1878.

It would be an interesting page in our history if we could obtain the records of the preliminary meetings of the brethren who contemplated these two Lodges in 1871. This we do know, that between 21st November, 1870, and 19th April, 1871, a period of five months, four Dispensations were issued, but only two Lodges came into being.

The next Lodge to be organized in Manitoba was Ancient Landmark Lodge. The Dispensation was issued by the Grand Lodge of Canada on 19th September, 1872. The first regular meeting of the new Lodge was held on 9th December, 1872, and reads: First regular Communication of Ancient Landmark Lodge, A.F. & A.M., U.D., G.R.C.

Present: W. Bro. Henderson, W.M.; W. Bro. Luxton, S.W.; W. Bro. Hyman, J.W.; W. Bro. Piton, Secy.; members and visitors as per registry book.

The Lodge was opened in the First Degree at 8 o'clock.

The Dispensation from the M.W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada authorizing the Lodge was read.

It was moved by Bro. S.W., seconded by Bro. J.W., and adopted, that the application for affiliation of Bro. Capt. McDonald, Bro. Piton, Bro. Bell, Bro. Martineau, be received and placed on the minutes, to be balloted for at the next regular communication.

It was moved by Bro. S.W., seconded by Bro. J.W., and adopted, that the application for initiation of Mr. Johnstone, Donald Matheson, John Norquay, H. J. Clark, David Young, L. F. Plainval, P. R. Robertson, Mr. A. Kenney, be received and placed on the minutes, to be balloted for at the next regular Communication, for initiation into the mysteries of Freemasonry.

The Lodge was called from Labor to refreshment at 8:45 p.m.

The Lodge was closed without form at 11:30 p.m.

W. J. PITON,
Secretary.

The business of the Ancient Landmark Lodge was conducted in the E.A. Degree until the York Rite work was adopted. Even after that occurred it would appear from the minute book from time to time the officers had a difficulty in breaking away from the accustomed practice.

It is significant to observe that on 14th June, 1875, one of the Wardens of the Lodge took exception to the change of work from the Canadian to the York Rite, but his objection was not sustained. I have been unable to discover any resolution in the minute book where the question of changing the work was under discussion or confirmed by resolution.

Coincident with the date just mentioned—14th June, 1875—we learn from the register of Grand Lodge that St. John's Lodge was instituted on that date. There is nothing in the original minute book of St. John's Lodge to confirm any organizational meetings, and before quoting the initial minute of the first regular meeting of St. John's Lodge it is of interest to include at this point the following minute taken from the records of Ancient Landmark Lodge, under date 28th June, 1875:

"Motion, that the application of Bro. Harris and others for a Dispensation to form a new Lodge in this city, and to be called St. John's, be recommended by this Lodge to the G.M. of this Province. Carried."

We now include the first minute of St. John's Lodge:

Winnipeg, July 7th, 1875. First regular Communication of St. John's Lodge, U.D., A.F. & A.M., was held in the Masonic Hall on Wednesday evening, 7th July, 5875.

Dispensation from G.L.M. was read, empowering this Lodge to hold Communication and transact Masonic business, confirming the appointment of J. W. Harris as W.M.; Arch. McNee, S.W.; Stewart McDonald, J.W., after which the following officers were selected: Wm. Hargrave, Treas.; J. B. Ferguson, Secy.; Thos. Nixon, Chap.; E. G. Conklin, S.D.; Henry Landerkin, J.D.; Jas. S. Nesbitt, D.C.; Wm. Dodd and Samuel Kyle, St'ds.

The Lodge was opened in due form on the Third Degree.

Officers present: W. Bro. J. W. Harris, W.M.; W. Bro. D. B. Murray, S.W. (pro tem); W. Bro. Stewart McDonald, J.W.; W. Bro. Wm. Hargrave, Treas.; W. Bro. Jas. Parker, Secy. (pro tem); W. Bro. E. G. Conklin, S.D.; W. Bro. H. Landerkin, J.D.; W. Bro. W. H. McLean, Tyler; other members and visitors as per register.

The petition of Bro. H. Hodges, F.C.M., for affiliation was read and referred to Bros. McDonald, Hargrave and Dodd as committee.

The By-laws of Ancient Landmark Lodge were read clause by clause, with the following corrections:

(Several details adjusting the by-laws to the date of meeting and other routine follows.)

Lodge closed in harmony.

J. B. FERGUSON,
Secretary.

J. W. HARRIS,
W.M.

These are the official records of the pioneer Masons who established the Craft in Manitoba. They are important chapters in the history of the province. History is a fascinating subject if it is presented as facts of real experience—the experience of individuals who participated in events which shaped the destiny of our country.

We do not know enough about the men who established Freemasonry in our jurisdiction, and this contribution may encourage some of our number to delve into the records of yesterday and find some intimate information.

The Mason of 1944 has a grave responsibility because of the heritage delivered to him by the men of yesterday. May all of us realize that Canada will soon have a multitude of great problems to solve. Because this is so, the resurgence of the audacious pioneer spirit is important. If it takes hold of the country as it did in other days, we'll have an important date to keep with destiny.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. DOUGLAS,
Grand Historian.

Moved by R.W. Bro. S. Burland (12), seconded by R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, D.D. (25), that the thanks of Grand Lodge be extended to M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas for his extensive research into early history of Freemasonry in Manitoba. This was responded to by the brethren.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

During the past year we have received a number of communications from various Grand Lodges, particularly in South America, stressing the desirability and importance of Masonic solidarity under present world conditions. While we have expressed sympathetic understanding of the anxiety which prompts communications of this kind, we have not felt it desirable to recommend any definite action along the line suggested by them, and we have so reported from time to time to the Board of General Purposes.

It may be of interest to record that our records indicate the following Grand Lodges which are apparently at the present time dormant or entirely disbanded, still retain representatives near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba:

Czechoslovakia
Grand Lodge of France
Grand Lodge of France Nationale
Netherlands
Norway
Phillipine Islands
Vienna
Lessing zu den drei Ringen

In connection with the above, and with many others which have felt the immediate impact of world conditions, there is, and will be, an opening for their representatives near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba to maintain and extend fraternal relationships. The Committee feels it is highly desirable that these representatives should acquaint themselves with the circumstances of the Grand Lodges whose greetings they extend from year to year. We have in the past called attention to the fact that many of these appointments are in name only, and there is a large field for effective Masonic work on the part of the representatives of active Grand Lodges, some of whom are never in contact with the Grand Lodges they represent, and some have failed to present their greetings at Grand Lodge for some time. Your Committee feels that periodic revision of these appointments, making them effective only for a stated period, might be of benefit in effecting the purpose for which they are made.

Respectfully submitted,

N. J. BLACK,
Chairman.

M.W. Bro. N. J. Black (3) moved that the report be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, D.D. (25). Carried.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

To the Most Worship the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worship Grand Master and Brethren:

At this 69th Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge we meet to greet the brethren of the wider fellowship, to weigh in the balances of a considerate and appreciative judgment the year's work in our Jurisdiction, and to clarify objectives and policies that Masonry may continue to play its worthy part in the winning of the war, and the restoring of a world in which God's writ can run.

Our younger brothers and our sons are in the thick of the world's most desperate battles. When last we met they were embarking for the conquest of Sicily. Today, after reaching heroic heights and winning notable victories, they are among the specially mentioned liberators of Rome. None have excelled them in daring flights on an unprecedented scale over German targets, or in dealing with the treacherous submarine. How well they have struck the blow of honour and of duty!

The "D Day" of invasion is now upon us, demanding the maximum of effort and of action, and fervently and believingly we commend them, and all who strive at their side, to the care of the Eternal Father.

"They climb the steep ascent of heaven,
Through peril, toil and pain;
O God, to us may grace be given
To follow in their train."

If we were to select for them and for ourselves a Masonic message, it might well be in terms of Admiral Hawkins' order to the fleet at Ferrol, near Corunna, in Spain: "Serve God daily! Love one another! Preserve your victuals! Beware of fire! And keep good company!" This famous order of the great Elizabethan, in its terse and memorable phrases, deals courageously with all the ordinary aspects of a sailor's life, his faith, his morals, his conduct, his personal care and his best safety.

Hawkins may not have belonged to the Craft, but he hit upon sound Masonic Landmarks. All kinds of people were aboard his fleet. Without dictating to any man what he should believe, he nevertheless asked every man to "serve God daily" in his own way and according to his own conscience, for he knew that the only great fighter is the man who believes that he has something worth fighting for.

Then, nearly as important, he spoke about harmony, mutual respect and understanding. The great cause, the common danger, command and compel such harmony. But as the peril passes, and the victory draws near, it is so easy for foolish differences to divide us: the return of party politics; the quarrels of management and labor; the insolences of racial groups against each other; the recriminations among allies.

I visited recently a family in sorrow, whose gallant son went down with the "Valleyfield" in the North Atlantic, one of those who "loved not their lives unto the death", who

"Put aside Today
All the joys of their Today;
And with toil of their Today
Bought for us Tomorrow."

That mother's whispered question suggested our worst danger. As the war drags its weary length along, many are haunted by the fear that all the misery may prove to have been in vain; that the defeat of our present enemies may not be the end of strife; that bitter enmities, international and social, may burst into life across the world, and the day of genuine peace and co-operation be as far away as ever.

Hawkins shared such fears, and so, next to faith and worship, he asked his men, a mixed lot, to cultivate harmony and practice charity—"love one another." He would have rejoiced in the projected demonstration of this, by his countrymen in Coventry, which is destined to make its mark upon the world.

Coventry Cathedral, destroyed by enemy bombs, is to be rebuilt in such a manner that it will form a memorial to the sense of brotherhood and interdependence born of war time disasters. The plan includes three structures, the Cathedral, a Christian Centre and a Chapel of Unity. The Cathedral will, of course, remain a purely Anglican place of worship. In the Christian Centre of service, the Free Churches will have full partnership with the Anglicans, with a pooling of resources in the staff personnel. The Chapel of Unity, "attached to the fabric of the Cathedral," will connect it with the Christian Centre, and this Chapel as a building and place of worship will belong to the Free Churches and the Anglicans together.

This brave venture towards unity in spirit and in service we, as "speculative" Masons, cannot but admire, and hope that it may set an example to many others, may prove a symbol of the post-war world.

With one further remark may I leave Admiral Hawkins and his famous orders. After the practical points, "Preserve your victuals! Beware of fire!" important both in the wooden ships of Old England and in the rationing and fire protection so necessary today, he ends, as he began, in the ethical and spiritual side: "Keep good company", not only in your own ranks, but especially when you are among strangers, at home or on foreign shores. What an excellent Grand Master this Elizabethan adventurer would have made! His ideals were not only for victory but for the harder aim, self-mastery.

Continuing with the major thread of thought, Masonry here in Manitoba is profoundly concerned with the winning of the war and the terms of the peace. We are affected in the principles we profess, and in the welfare of the Craft. Have we not agreed to be bound by the obligations of virtue, morality and brotherly love? And does not Masonry thrive best in conditions of well-established peace and general prosperity?

It is entirely probable that many a Mason wishes at times that he could become a fanatic or a bigot! It would be so comforting to be quite sure that you are right and that those who differ from you are either blind or muddled. It would make life seem easy to draw a chalk-line and say, "Those on this side are all right and those on that side are all wrong." But of course his Masonic training has made him conscious, not only of things black and white, but also of the russets and the browns and the greys, that fade into each other and make up the main colors in this world, both in regard to men and opinions.

So you find the Mason blessed or cursed with a longing for a via media, believing that the truth lies not in either of two parties, but between them. You discover him with General Montgomery, "a little left of centre." In the matter of peace, he leans neither to sentimentality nor to vindictiveness. He will agree heartily with Mr. Cordell Hull: "There can be no compromise with Fascism and Nazism. It must go, everywhere. Its leaders, its institutions, the power which supports it, must go. They can expect no negotiated peace, no compromise, no opportunity to return." Further he will stand relentless and determined for the enforcement of restitution, seeing to it that what the wolf devoured he disgorges, that what he has stolen with a high hand is restored, and that what has been destroyed in wanton rage is built up.

Even this will be possible only in part. Who can bring back to life the millions of old men, women and little children who, on a dozen pretexts, or none at all, have been slaughtered in cold blood? In the sight of men, Germany and Japan can only expiate their crimes by replanting the wastes they made and laboring for their neighbors as they have forced their neighbors to labor for them.

Masonic Lodges will be poor places to attempt to "organize sympathy" for the criminals. For we shall not let the flames of indignation die down, nor regard as a light thing the abominations, the calculated atrocities with which they have besmirched the whole of our humanity or the blasphemy to God that could devise and execute them. For us there can be no thought of a peace that does not include the prosecution of the war criminals, the stripping of power from those groups, military, economic and social, who brought Nazism to power and whose influence has been repeatedly disastrous in German history, and the obliteration of the Nazi spirit throughout the world.

But as Masons we cannot continue to lift our torch at the Divine altar and to practice brotherliness between man and man, and at the same time look only for repressive solutions of the problems of Europe. Policies leading to the enslavement of the German people must be regarded as unwise and unjust.

Social and democratic institutions — Masonry among others—which the Nazis abolished, must be restored. And by a basic agreement between Russia and the Western Powers a new organization of Europe must be effected into which a disarmed Germany can be fitted, and in which all can find health and security. Without these conditions, no peace can endure.

Peace is not an absence of hostilities, like a sleepy voyage. Peace, instead, is the aggressive pursuit of a burning desire to see the world as a whole set up under law and order. One great difficulty facing the makers of world peace will undoubtedly be the distribution of the world's industrial resources. Ninety per cent of the raw materials essential to modern industrial activity are found in Russia, the United States and the British Commonwealth. Therefore, unless we are willing to sacrifice some of our world's wealth, to demonstrate our integrity—unless we have the resourcefulness, the powers of analysis and the persistence to work out a system for the impartial distribution of the world's wealth through the ordinary channels of trade—no system of law administered by any court will prevent constant uprising and incessant turmoil.

Another fundamental difficulty is the existence of racial prejudices and national antagonisms. There must be developed, willingly and with purpose, the most abundant opportunities for contacts between peoples.

Further, it is evident that all this design of peace will be futile unless it springs from the hearts of men—a peace of good-will, tolerance, fair play, social justice, kindliness, religion. Men instinctively look up, seeking something to hold fast to. Without a deep reverence within us, whatever our creed, we cannot safeguard peace against human disagreements and rivalries. The fabric of peace is not woven of statutes, committee reports, treaties and government mandates. It is woven of the prayers of mothers, the solemn litanies of worship and the dedication of all men to the brotherhood of the world.

As Ralph W. Sockman has well said, "If we can keep marching with a heroism and sacrifice akin to that of our fighting men in the Allied Nations, if we will maintain our willingness to ration our luxuries after this war until the starving children of the world are fed, if we will persevere at the task of working out some form of world government, then the lives now being laid down in many lands will not have been lost, and the dream for which men are dying will come true."

"D Day" descended upon us as we came to this Communication, and the order to "cease fire" may be issued sooner than we expect. I think of 1918 and the tale that was told of W. P. Ker, who was professor of poetry at Oxford, and a "character". When the great news of the Armistice reached his club, the big room became a scene of chattering and speculation. One after another spoke loudly of this and that, about peace, about war, about conditions of settlement, and especially about past dark moments when everything seemed to be in the balance and the tilt might easily have been on the one side or the other.

During all this excited talk, W. P. Ker sat silent, a gift for which he had a special genius. Suddenly amid an unexpected silence, some one said, "And what do you think of it all, Ker?" "W. P." lifted his bent head, stood up on his feet and muttered, "God is not mocked," and walked out of the room. His fellow professors felt that, as usual, he had said the final thing.

Analysing much of our talk, it will seem as if the issue boiled down to lucky chance. But W. P. Ker was right. This is a moral realm. Destiny for men and nations is not a matter of chance accidents, but of principles and laws, and the only judgment about the matter of evil is, "God is not mocked." Surely one might expect to hear in some Masonic Hall, when this war reaches its sure outcome, something like that quiet closure of foolish speculation, "God is not mocked."

"You that have the faith to look with fearless eye
  Beyond the tragedy of a world at strife,
And trust that out of night and death, shall rise
  The dawn of ampler life,
Rejoice,—whatever anguish rend your heart
  That God has given you for a priceless dower
To live in these great times and have your part
  In Freedom's crowning hour;
That you may tell your sons who see the light
  High in the heaven their heritage to take;
I saw the powers of darkness put to flight . . .
  I saw . . . . the morning break!"

J. L. McINNIS,
Grand Chaplain.

R.W. Bro. F. N. Baxter (93), moved that the thanks of the brethren be extended to our Grand Chaplain for his very able address. (Carried, with applause of the brethren.)

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment at 11:45 a.m. by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. Ben. C. Parker, to reconvene at 2:30 p.m.

GRAND LODGE LUNCHEON

Luncheon was served to our Distinguished Guests and members of Grand Lodge at the Fort Garry Hotel, at 12:30 noon, June 8th, by the Freemasons of the First and Twelfth Masonic Districts, under the auspices of the Past Masters' Association of Winnipeg, R.W. Bro. George E. Miles, President and Chairman.

Invocation by R.W. Bro. Rev. J. L. McInnis, Grand Chaplain.

Luncheon.

Songs by Masonic Quartette.

Toast to the Grand Master.

Grand Master's Reply.

Chairman's Remarks:

At this point, according to the programme, we have the Chairman's remarks, and a welcome to our visiting brethren. The former will be brief, and the latter, no matter how badly I may present them, will be genuine and sincere.

The Past Masters' Association of Greater Winnipeg looks forward each year to the organizing and carrying out of this Grand Lodge luncheon. We are not your hosts; your hosts are all the Freemasons of the First and Twelfth Masonic Districts. Our Association is solely and simply a service unit to undertake any task that may come to our hand that the Freemasons of Winnipeg wish us to undertake. So on their behalf it is my great privilege to try and tell you how glad we are to see you, and to know that you have been able to spare the time in these busy days to come and break bread with us again. Then we have with us a number of our brethren from the Sister Jurisdictions of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, and the two States bordering us on the south—Minnesota and North Dakota. We feel especially grateful to you for coming to help us make this Communication a great success.

As a fraternity and as a country we have much to be thankful for that has occurred during the past year, and we have reason to look forward to that peace and happiness which we are sure will be ours. That joy which we are going to experience in a very little while will, we must remember, be brought about only by a tremendous sacrifice on the part of the youth of our country and the youth of the other allied countries. Surely such sacrifice will not pass unheeded or be in vain.

I am going to call on our Vice-President, Tom Dodsworth, to introduce to you the speaker of the day.

W. Bro. T. Dodsworth:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Guests and Brethren:

In the Spring the Executive of the Past Masters' Association, in conjunction with the Grand Lodge Officers, cast their eyes in a Masonic manner to the south and to the west and to the east, to see if they could find some outstanding citizen who could live up to the high tradition that has been set at this Grand Lodge luncheon that we all look forward to each year. We were successful in finding a brother who in the last war served his nation honorably and well, and then became Post Commander of the American Legion; following that service by becoming Commander of the Fourth District of the American Legion of Minnesota. Then he served his community city of St. Paul well and truly as Mayor. After that he turned to the practice of law for relaxation, and later still he turned to Masonry, and today he is known as the grand orator of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. We are indeed fortunate in having him here to speak to us at this time. I can asure everyone here that it is a great privilege to me to be able to introduce a soldier, a public servant, a lawyer and orator, and last but by no means least, a brother Mason. It is my privilege to introduce to you at the present time R. W. Bro. Bundlie, the grand orator of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

ADDRESS OF R.W. BRO. G. BUNDLIE

Mr. President, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Brethren:

You know, when this invitation reached me my first thought was, now St. Paul is going to have its place in the sun. But when I arrived at Winnipeg this morning I was handed a ticket to this luncheon, and I noticed at the bottom of the ticket that the speaker would be R.W. Bro. G. Bundlie of Minneapolis. That reminds me of a classic remark made by the late Larry Hodgson, whom I succeeded as Mayor of St. Paul. He was introduced one night as "a distinguished gentleman from the great City of Minneapolis." It is not for me to say that Minneapolis is not a great city, for it is, but when Larry arose he said, "I have no objection to the wedding of St. Paul and Minneapolis, but I rather object to St. Paul being the bride."

This luncheon is being held at one of the most critical periods of the entire world, and as I stand here this noon, I am reminded of the fact that at this instant young men from Canada and the United States are paying the supreme price on the battlefields of Europe, and there comes to my mind today a thousand and one memories of World War No. 1, the war which we fought to end all wars and, as the slogan was in those days, to make the world safe for democracy.

I am going to talk to you today, if I may, very frankly about this Masonic Fraternity of ours, and about certain problems which confront the civilized world, with a reference to the part that Masonry should play in the solving of those problems, and I am going to take your time for a moment to remind you again, as we need to be reminded, that the institution of Masonry is not only honorable, but it is ancient. I appreciate the fact that modern Masonry dates from St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24th, 1717, when the "Old Masters" of the four London Lodges met at the Goose and Gridiron, and established the Grand Lodge of England, and four years later that Grand Lodge had so grown in membership and influence that John, the Duke of Montagu, was pleased to accept the chair as Grand Master.

We date modern Masonry from that particular time, but let us never forget that we have in the historical archives the minutes of Masonic Lodges dating from the fifteenth century ,and every now and then I like to read the English translation of that great Masonic poem, the Regius poem, which is to be found in the King's Library of the British Museum, a poem, so Latin scholars tell us, that dates from the fifteenth, if not the fourteenth century. I search the record of the European continent, the so-called centre of the world's culture, and I find that in 1731 on to 1740 was spread from the British Isles upon the continent of Europe this Masonic Institution of ours. In fact, historians who do not belong to our Fraternity state that the spread of Masonry through Denmark, France and Germany and Austria and Russia was as wild-fire. Further we find in the books of an American historian, named Fay, not a member of our fraternity—in fact, of the church which bans our Order—a statement that he is forced to admit that, in the development of what we now know as the United States, the Blue Lodges constituted the greatest factor in the growth of our republic.

I hope that you will not misunderstand me when in passing I refer to the fact that in that convention out of which came the American Constitution, our National Charter, the majority of the delegates assembled were Masons, and I am proud to say today, brethren, that in the halls of our Congress, in both the House of Representatives and in the Senate, Masonic brethren predominate. I speak of these things because to my mind they are not only important, but they seem to constitute a prophecy of those things that must eventually come in the history of mankind.

Brethren, for a second time in this generation almost all of the nations of the world have engaged in a world war. Now this fact in itself must constitute an insistent challenge to the intelligence of mankind. Unless some escape is found from this recurrence of these world-wide struggles, constructive effort will give way periodically to frustration, and energy that might be devoted to the common welfare and to the relieving of poverty and distress will be directed into channels of destruction. Truly, brethren, the spirit of man cries out for something better than this.

Now there is always a temptation in times of crisis to centre discussion on immediate policy and expediency. Important as those things may be, it is of greater importance to centre discussion on long range plans. For what our statesmen call an enduring peace at once many problems arise. These problems are political; they are legal, economic, psychological, social. Now if no one profession or no one business in the affairs of men has the intelligence and the imagination to produce a solution for these problems, I say to my Masonic brethren that no profession, no avocation or kingdom of man can escape the responsibility of contributing to that solution. In other words, it is our business to make a contribution to what we call an enduring peace; and may I say parenthically, being a member of the legal profession, as the distinguished Brother who introduced me chanced to say—he said incidentally a member of it, and so implied the compliment that I charge no fees—may I say that probably the greatest responsibility rests upon the legal profession, and why do I say that? Not to magnify my profession, but rather because, to my mind, the security of the world must rest upon a sound legal foundation. Why do I say that? I say that because in our internal affairs, when individuals come to grips about this matter or that, when there is controversy that arises between one group of citizens and another, these individuals and these groups do not proceed to arm themselves and to fight it out on the field of battle, but they go into legally constituted tribunals and submit those controversies and differences to, at least allegedly, impartial judges.

That is the sensible way, is it not? And in the long run that is the just way.

Now I am very frank to say that it is only within the last three hundred years that we have had anything that approaches international law, and as a matter of fact it has only been within the last hundred years that there has been any growth in international law. I must confess that international law is still in its primitive stage, and we have not yet constituted or established the agencies that can effectively apply to and control those problems that arise from time to time between and among nations.

It is not enough that we are familiar with past history; the last war demonstrated that. We must also have a sense of appreciation of the lessons of past history and understand wherein we made our mistakes.

Something has been said today about the brotherhood of men and all that it implies. What do you mean by the brotherhood of man? Why is it that in every ritual and every Masonic body reference is made to the brotherhood of man? Why is it that in beautiful allegory we are told that men are brothers, members of one family, no matter what their particular country, race or group may be? What is the foundation of it all? This is the foundation, brethren—something that the madmen of Europe have forgotten: "He that loveth his brother abideth in light, but he that hateth his brother is in the darkness and walketh in the darkness, and knoweth not wherever he goeth, for that darkness blindeth his eyes"; good sound Masonic teaching. The brotherhood of man implies something that clergymen have thundered about from their pulpits for generations, something pronounced by the wise Master in Galilee; something referred to in beautiful song and story by poets and word and song artists; this old commandment which has been crystallized to allegorical form and in ritual, and is to be found in every Masonic Temple: Love, one for the other; see ye that ye love one another. It is the great Masonic commandment and is something that has been forgotten by those who in their madness would enslave every man. The craters of hatred have vomited forth the lava of war all over the world. This lava must be changed into something productive and beautiful by a great gushing forth of this love of one man towards another, and this commandment given to us is practical. It is trite to say this, but you are familiar with it; it has become commonplace; the great Dominion of Canada and the sisterhood of states we call the United States have been able to live in peace and concord, lo these many years, haven't they? And though I must confess we were a little slow about the business when it came to taking sides in the present conflict, you found the sons of Canada and the sons of the United States under the same flag—that of decency and righteousness.

And so this noon I speak of these things because I sincerely believe we must be reminded of them from time to time.

You know we attend our Blue Lodge meetings, we come to these annual Communications, and we fraternize one with another in Masonic gatherings, and some of us are quite apt to regard our Masonic affiliations as akin to those associations and affiliations to be found in the everyday or ordinary community or civic service clubs. Not, brethren, that I am trying to cast any aspersions upon these clubs, because I recognize that they have made great contributions to the common welfare, but there is something deeper than that in Masonic affiliations; something that goes away down into the heart of man himself, and though Masonry may not be a religion, yet Masonry is the depository of all the primitive revelations upon which all our religions are founded. And Masonry is, as I see it, true.

You know some years ago a man by the name of Abbott wrote a little book. I don't know if he belonged to our Fraternity or not, and his name is not even found, unfortunately, among the great lights of literature. Yet this little book merits our consideration because I see in it a great Masonic truth. He told in his book about a land he called Flatland: a land that had only length and width, no depth, no height, just those two dimensions; a land that was surface only. And so its people living on the surface knew only the surface, and were of the surface only. They had never learned to gaze up to the hills, from whence cometh help, nor had they ever sought to dig down deep into the heart of earth, and to bring out from it those great rude treasures that Divine Providence with supreme intelligence has placed there for man to bring up and fashion into articles of utility and beauty. The first shock that the reader gets is tremendous, but when that shock is past he begins to sense what the author is driving at: that today, despite the billions of dollars that have been expended in educational fields, despite the billions of dollars more that have been expended in religous fields, and other billions in social and economic fields, there still is a flat land here on earth, and there still are people who know only length and width, and know neither depth nor height. Is that not what Masonry tries to tell its initiates, and tells its members from time to time that there is something down below and that there is something up above, and I say, this noon, to these would-be dictators of the present, whose cause shall fail, that they are of the surface, and those people whom they have thus far led are of the surface, and when these people learn that there are these eternal hills above and there is that mighty depth below, they will see in all its horror and all its futility and utter insanity the scheme of domination that came forth from the mad brains of those surface leaders. And so in Masonry the question asked of the man who stands there, as he enters, is whether or not he believes in the Deity, the Great Architect of the Universe, and if he is to be accepted his answer must be "Yes", and it should be "Yes", because after all our undertaking as Masons is linked with, yes, a part of, the Divine plan; and, because I believe that, I believe that in this hour of crisis, when the success or failure of the present invasion is not yet determined, in the hour when the sands upon the shores of France are running red with our blood, in this hour I have the confidence that victory is ours, and I speak as a Mason should. The faith of a Mason is the faith of those who but two or three years ago were battling against superior numbers over there in Europe and in the Pacific; that has been the faith in every crisis of human history.

Brethren, when you resume your sessions this afternoon, when you go back to your own Lodges, and there sit with your brothers, please have it in mind always that you are a part of a great army that is striving valiantly through the generations for the freeing of men's minds and bodies. Think of the beautiful words that a great Masonic teacher has said: "Masonry believes in the ultimate triumph of truth over falsehood, of liberty over slavery, of light over darkness, of life over death, and of good over evil." Is there anything more beautiful than that; anything more inspiring than that? No; there you have the faith and the hope, and the sovereign and supreme trust of Masons everywhere, and because of it Masons in every generation and of every nationality have been privileged and able to see beyond and through the temporary dark clouds in the affairs of men and catch a glimpse of God's own sun that shines as cheerily now as it surely did on creation's morning.

With this hope and faith and trust, Brother Masons, let us carry on and do what we can and give what we can in order that there may be constructed upon a genuine Masonic foundation those institutions and structures designed for the housing of peace and harmony among men. This is Masonry's mission; I summon you to climb to the spiritual highlands of God. (Applause.)

APPRECIATION

R.W. Bro. Leslie:

I have the privilege of extending to you, on behalf of this assembly, our appreciation of the wonderful opportunity given to us of enjoying the happiness and good fellowship that we have found at this gathering. From all points of the compass we send our thanks for your kindness. We, in the country, had an idea that Santa Claus came only at Christmas, but on coming to Winnipeg we find that he is a visitor in June as well as in December. All of this being interpreted, Mr. Chairman, means that we ask the Past Masters' Association to accept the heartiest thanks of the out-of-town delegates for allowing us to participate in this delightful function.

Second Day

Thursday, June 8th, 1944

Afternoon Session

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor at 3:05 p.m. by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. Ben. C. Parker, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

REPORT OF JURISPRUDENCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE RE CHANGES IN CONSTITUTION

Your Committee begs to report:

1. That the Amendment to Sections 164 and 169 by R.W. Bro. David Griffith are in order.
2. That the Amendments to Sections 2 and 27 by myself are in order.
3. That the Amendment to Section 136 by W. Bro. A. J. Christie is in order, but it should be pointed out that "Greater Winnipeg" is defined by my Amendment to Section 2 of the Constitution.
4. That the Amendment to Section 90 by R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell is in order.
5. That the Amendment to Section 41 and to Section 52 (i) by W. Bro. Thomas H. Clark is in order.
6. That the Amendment to Section 136 by W. Bro. R. B. Nixon is very confusing as drawn.

7. That the Amendment to Section 136 by W. Bro. James Wardrope is in order if all the words of the first clause after the words "Greater Winnipeg", in the fourth line, are omitted, as "Greater Winnipeg" is already defined and bearing in mind that Clause 3 is already in the Constitution.

8. That the Amendments to Sections 166 (a) and 167 by R.W. Bro. M. E. MacKinnon appear to be in order, although the Amendments seem to be covered at present by Section 166 (a) and it should be borne in mind that there is at present a Section 167 (a). We cannot see any benefit from this Amendment.

9. That the Amendment to Section 159 by R.W. Bro. M. E. MacKinnon is in order.

10. That the Amendment to Section 67 by W. Bro. J. P. Mowat is in order.

11. That the Amendments to Sections 163 and 90 by R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell are in order.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

S. HART GREEN,
Chairman, Jurisprudence and Appeals Committee.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Section 90 of the Constitution, in the clause covering Fees to Grand Lodge, be amended by adding, after the words "One Dollar", the words "and Fifty Cents." Reading as follows:

> "For every member not a life member on June 3rd, 1943, an Annual Fee of One Dollar and Fifty Cents, payable one-half . . . etc."

Moved by W. Bro. R. E. Emmett (121), seconded by R.W. Bro. A. H. Steventon (3), that the motion be adopted.

M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4) and M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence (25) and R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman (93) spoke in favor of the motion.

R.W. Bro. M. E. MacKinnon (49) moved an amendment that the amount be $1.25 instead of $1.50, seconded by R.W. Bro. R. M. Muckle (2).

W. Bro. J. B. Day (122) moved an amendment to the amendment, seconded by W. Bro. J. A. Moffatt (77), that the proposed increase be for one year only. The amendment to the amendment was withdrawn. The amendment was put to the meeting, and on counting the votes was declared lost.

The Notice of Motion was put to the meeting, resulting in 136 for and 83 against; not receiving the necessary two-thirds vote, the motion was declared lost.

Moved by V.W. Bro. C. J. Nicholson (131), that the question of increasing the per capita tax be reconsidered. Carried, four voting in the negative.

Moved by W. Bro. J. B. Day (122), that the annual per capita tax payable to Grand Lodge be increased from $1.00 to $1.50 per annum for a period of one year only, seconded by W. Bro. J. A. Moffatt (77). This motion, on being put to Grand Lodge, Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Section 2 of the Constitution be amended by adding thereto the following sub-section:

> "(n) Greater Winnipeg is the aggregate territory contained within the limits of the following corporations in the Province of Manitoba, namely: the City of Winnipeg, the City of St. Boniface, the Town of Tuxedo, and the Municipal Corporations of Assiniboia, Brooklands, Charleswood, Fort Garry, Old Kildonan, East Kildonan, North Kildonan, West Kildonan, St. James and St. Vital."

Moved by M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence (25), seconded by R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (113), that the motion be adopted. Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Section 27 of the Constitution be amended by adding thereto the following sub-section:

> "(a) In the year 1945 and in each alternate year thereafter, only members of Grand Lodge whose respective residences are in that part of the Province of Manitoba, outside of Greater Winnipeg, shall be eligible for nomination for or election to the office of Junior Grand Warden.
>
> "(b) In the year 1946 and in each alternate year thereafter, only members of Grand Lodge, whose respective residences are in Greater Winnipeg, shall be eligible for nomination or election to the office of Junior Grand Warden."

NOTE—See Section 2 (1) for definition of "residence."

Moved by M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence (25), seconded by R.W. Bro. M. E. MacKinnon (49), that the motion be adopted. Carried.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master:

There are still several amendments to be considered, and the hour is five minutes to six. Shall we have the rest of the amendments now, or leave them over until the next Annual Communication?

It was regularly moved and seconded, that the remaining amendments be laid over. Carried unanimously.

AMENDMENTS LOST

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Section 90 of the Constitution be amended as follows: by deleting the words "ten dollars" in the fourth line and put in the words "or damaged, Twenty-five dollars." Reading as follows:

> "For a new Charter to replace one lost or damaged, Twenty-five Dollars."

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Section 41 of the Constitution be amended by adding the following:

> "An assistant to the District Deputy Grand Master shall be chosen in the same manner, and it shall be his duty to act as District Secretary."

That Section 51 (i) of the Constitution be amended by deleting the following words: "And a District Secretary."

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Section 136 of the Constitution be amended by deleting the first two paragraphs and substituting the following:

> "The territorial jurisdiction of all Lodges in Greater Winnipeg shall be concurrent, and shall be exclusive within the territorial limits of Greater Winnipeg. The term "Greater Winnipeg" shall mean and include territory within the corporate limits of the City of Winnipeg, the City of St. Boniface, the Town of St. James, the Town of Tuxedo, the Village of Weston, and the Municipal Corporations of Fort Gary, Charleswood, St. Vital, East Kildonan, West Kildonan and North Kildonan.
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> "The territorial jurisdiction of a Lodge outside Greater Winnipeg shall extend to lines drawn halfway between its meeting place and those of the nearest Lodges in all directions."

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Section 136 of the Constitution be amended by deleting the first two paragraphs and substituting therefor the following:

> "The territorial jurisdiction of Lodges in Greater Winnipeg shall be exclusive within the area comprised within the City Limits of the City of Winnipeg and to a distance of five miles from said City Limits in all directions."

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Section 136 of the Constitution be amended by deleting the first two paragraphs after the words "Lodges" in the first line and substituting the following:

> ". . . In the Greater Winnipeg area, shall be concurrent. But every Lodge before accepting a petition

for Initiation, shall arrange to interview the petitioner, and should there be another Lodge in the Community in which he resides and closer to his place of residence, he should be encouraged to join that Lodge and its Master or Secretary should be apprised of his desire to enter the Craft."

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment at 6:05 p.m. by Most Worshipful Bro. Ben. C. Parker, Grand Master, to reconvene at 8:00 p.m. for the evening session.

Thursday, June 8th, 1944.

Evening Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters and Distinguished Guests entered the Lodge Room, the brethren singing the processional hymn, "Rise up, O Men of God!"

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. Ben. C. Parker, at 8:00 p.m., with prayers by the Grand Chaplain.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report as follows:

There are 104 Chartered Lodges on the Grand Lodge Register, 83 Lodges are represented by one or more of their three principal officers, and 21 are unrepresented, namely:

Brandon Lodge No. 19
Manitou Lodge No. 30
Oak Lake Lodge No. 44
Treherne Lodge No. 51
Oriental Lodge No. 54
Russell Lodge No. 62
Composite Lodge No. 64
Crystal Lodge No. 71
Elkhorn Lodge No. 74
Robbie Burns Lodge No. 100
Binscarth Lodge No. 101
Reston Lodge No. 104
Ophir Lodge No. 112
Tweed Lodge No. 113

Rivers Lodge No. 115
The Pas Lodge No. 124
Favel Lodge No. 126
Victory Lodge No. 128
Shellmouth Lodge No. 129
Sprague Lodge No. 132
Cartwright Lodge No. 150

Ninety-five Lodges have one or more Past Masters present, and six Lodges have neither Past Master nor Officers present, namely:

Oak Lake Lodge No. 44
Treherne Lodge No. 51
Composite Lodge No. 64
Binscarth Lodge No. 101
Ophir Lodge No. 112
Shellmouth Lodge No. 129

There were present:		
Past Masters	464	
Worshipful Masters	73	
Senior Wardens	42	
Junior Wardens	40	
		619
Registered:		
Master Masons	64	
Visitors	15	
		79
		698

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. McDONALD,

Chairman.

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Tot. Vote
1	Prince Rupert's	1		1	17	19
2	Lisgar	1		1	4	6
3	Ancient Landmark	1	1	1	12	15
4	St. John's	1	1	1	16	19
6	Emerson	1	1		6	8
7	Assiniboine	1	1		3	5
8	King Solomon	1			4	5
10	Northern Light	1	1	1	7	10
11	Gladstone	1	1	1	6	9
12	Stonewall	1		1	5	7
13	Morden		1		4	5
14	Prince of Wales		1			1
15	Corinthian	1			1	2
19	Brandon				1	1
24	Neepawa	1	1	1	3	6
25	Ionic	1		1	20	22
27	Glenwood	1			1	2
29	Carberry		1		1	2
30	Manitou				2	2
36	Doric	1		1	2	4
39	Birtle	1		1	1	3
40	Deloraine	1			3	4
43	Lebanon	1	1		4	6
44	Oak Lake					
48	Glenboro	1			1	2
49	Temple	1			8	9
50	Killarney	1			1	2
51	Treherne					
52	Hartney	1	1	1	2	5
54	Oriental				2	2
55	East Star	1			3	4
62	Russell				2	2
63	Holland	1	1	1	6	9
64	Composite					
67	Wawanesa	1	1	1	2	5
68	Vermillion	1		1	1	3
70	Shiloh	1	1		7	9
71	Crystal				6	6
74	Elkhorn				2	2
75	Gothic			1	4	5
77	Napinka	1			5	6
82	Cypress		1		3	4
84	Hamiota	1			1	2
86	Elgin	1			5	6
87	Rathwell		1		2	3
90	Midlothian	1			3	4
92	Shoal Lake	1			2	3
93	King Edward	1		1	14	16
94	Hiram		1		1	2
100	Robbie Burns				1	1
101	Binscarth					
102	Miniota	1			1	2

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Tot. Vote
103	Crescent	1			4	5
104	Reston				1	1
105	Prince Arthur	1			4	5
106	Strathclair	1			2	3
107	Lansdowne	1			2	3
108	Union	1		1	2	4
109	Swan Lake	1			2	3
110	Kilwinning	1			1	2
111	Acacia	1	1		12	14
112	Ophir					
113	Tweed				8	8
114	"The Assiniboine" ..	1	1	1	10	13
115	Rivers				2	2
116	St. Andrew's	1			4	5
117	Strathcona	1		1	3	5
118	Mound	1		1	3	5
119	Norwood	1	1		18	20
120	Penza	1	1	1	7	10
121	St. James	1	1	1	8	11
122	Roblin	1	1		3	5
123	Transcona	1	1	1	6	9
124	The Pas				2	2
125	Patricia	1		1	7	9
126	Favel				1	1
127	Empire	1	1	1	8	11
128	Victory				1	1
129	Shellmouth					
130	Fort Garry	1	1	1	19	22
131	Kildonan	1	1	1	9	12
132	Sprague				2	2
133	McCreary	1	1	1	3	6
134	Stony Mountain	1			1	2
136	Capitol	1	1		12	14
137	Lord Selkirk	1			4	5
138	Windsor	1	1	1	12	15
139	Beaver	1		1	5	7
140	Meridian	1	1	1	12	15
141	Tuscan	1	1		6	8
142	Harmony			1	1	2
143	Mt. Sinai	1	1	1	7	10
144	Fort Osborne	1	1	1	3	6
145	Sturgeon Creek	1	1		7	9
146	Fidelity	1		1	9	11
147	Jubilee	1	1	1	2	5
148	Seven Oaks	1	1	1	5	8
150	Cartwright				1	1
151	The Dormer	1	1	1	6	9
152	Foxwarren		1	1		2
153	Flin Flon	1				1
154	Pine Falls	1			4	5
155	Carman	1	1		4	6
156	Manitouwapa		1		1	2
	Totals	73	42	40	464	619

On motion of R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. C. Grant (3), the report of the Committee on Credentials was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Committee on the Grand Master's address appointed by the Board of General Purposes, beg to report as follows:

The Grand Master though engaged prominently in many activities gave unstintingly of his time and talents to the business of Freemasonry and presented a record of devoted service. We congratulate him on the completion of a successful year of office, for having been most assiduous both in season and out of season, travelling through the length and breadth of our Jurisdiction as well as journeying to other Grand Jurisdictions in the performance of the duties of his Masonic Office. We express the belief that time, though "inexorable" and "irrevocable" as he so ably describes it, has dealt kindly with the Craft in this Jurisdiction while under his inspiring leadership.

His attendance at more than sixty meetings of the Craft during his short twelve months of office, means that on the average he has addressed and inspired a large group of his brethren at least once every six days. Knowing something of the good done by a visit from the Grand Master, we highly commend this record of faithful service. We note with satisfaction the support given the Grand Master by his officers and Past Grand Masters, and his generous words of appreciation of the help so given. Such help adds to the inspiration given to the Lodges visited and affords even greater credit to the effectiveness of the Grand Master.

We commend the visitations made by the Grand Master to our Sister Grand Lodges across the International Boundary, thus strengthening the already strong bonds of goodwill which exist between these Masonic Bodies and between the two great nations concerned. We note that the confliction of dates did not cause him to lose sight of our Sister Jurisdictions in Western Canada, at whose Grand Communications he was ably represented by his Deputy Grand Master or his Senior Grand Warden. We are confident that these interchanges of Official Visits are most fruitful of good to all Jurisdictions concerned and through them to the Craft in general.

We join with the Grand Master in his warm welcome to those distinguished Freemasons present here from other Grand Jurisdictions. They little know how much we are indebted to them for the inspiration their presence affords us. They bring us the essence of help, breadth of vision and good fellowship.

The attendance of the Grand Msater, on invitation at Divine Service of Constituent Lodges, Masonic Districts and Past Master's Association is but another proof of his earnestness, faithfulness and readiness to lead the Craft to witness for God, the Great Architect. Such acts are but a sample of the inspiring leadership the Grand Master has given the Craft throughout his term of office. We join with him in the hope that similar services will be held in all parts of the Jurisdiction in the future and commend the practice to each constituent Lodge and each Masonic District.

The Grand Master has shown an intimate knowledge of the conditions in his own Jurisdiction and realizes the lift a man in his exalted office can give by visiting a constituent Lodge. His attendance on more than a score of such occasions will we know endear him to a host of Manitoba Freemasons and strengthen the bonds of Unity and Goodwill between these Lodges and the Grand Lodge. We join with him in congratulating Lisgar Lodge No. 2 on its celebrating the burning of the Mortgage on its Masonic Temple at Selkirk. Lisgar now joins the ranks of Lodges in the Jurisdiction who are the proud possessors of clear Title to their Masonic Temples, a very creditable showing.

We commend the praise given by the Grand Master to the work being done in Masonic Study Clubs of constituent Lodges and the lead given to others who might well take up this helpful development.

We recommend full approval to the glowing and promising report made by the Grand Master on the Western Conference held at Banff each year and to which this Grand Lodge has given its unqualified support. We endorse the continuance of that support.

Fitting reference was made to the great loss sustained by the Craft in the passing of many of its stalwarts, especially to the death of our esteemed and well beloved M.W. Bro. William

Fenwick of Brandon. The picture the Grand Master portrayed for us of his last sight of that grand old Freemason touched the hearts of us all. M.W. Bro. Fenwick, who graced our Grand East in 1915-16 has been a tower of strength throughout this Jurisdiction and a loving and faithful guide to those who knew him. His greatest momument will be the esteem with which his memory is held by his Masonic Brethren.

We commend the Grand Master's kindly reference to those Freemasons who have passed the half century mark of continuous Masonic endeavor and who received medals and official recognition at his hands.

We greatly appreciate the high tribute paid to the services and assistance of our Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Harry Woods and other members of Grand Lodge who have given so generously of their time and ability in the interests of the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction.

A Grand Master's Address invariably reflects the individuality and personality of the author. Here we see reflected the charm of a cultured mind. Dignified and sincere, this man of high ideals clearly indicates that he is possessed of a full appreciation of the responsibilities he assumed as Grand Master of Manitoba. Realizing that his tenure of office was transitory, he has striven to make a contribution which will be permanent. We feel that his success is evident: That it will stand as a monument to his zeal, his effort and his ability to trace the finger of the Great Architect and interpret His Will to the understanding of his brethren. That it will be as well, a source of pride and gratification to himself.

The Grand Master would lead his brethren into closer touch with the Divine Plan and into a realization of the part that Freemasonry may, nay, that every Freemason may play in the working out of that Plan. We commend to every Worshipful Master a thorough study by his Lodge of this magnificent and inspiring address, believing that the Grand Master has given an interpretation of the Drawings of the Great Architect that all may grasp and move forward upon. Here is material for all, from the youngest Entered Apprentice to the accomplished Freemason. Look well to it.

In conclusion, your Committee congratulates the Grand Master on the year's work of fruitful activity. We recommend to the Grand Lodge, the endorsation of his official acts. Let us one and all set our faces toward that time, so clearly indicated by him, and which Masonic help and influence can assist in surely bringing about when victory will be ours not only over our enemies in this war, but over the enemies which may stand in the way of a lasting peace. That we may bless the day as the realization of what the Grand Master describes as "The Glorious Tomorrow of our Dreams."

Respectfully submitted,

STANLEY H. FAHRNI,
Chairman.

M.W. Bro. Stanley H. Fahrni (11), moved that this report be received and adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. George Hunter (10). Carried.

COMMITTEE ON GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee to whom the Annual Report of the Grand Secretary is submitted, begs to make report thereon:

The synopsis submitted by R.W. Bro. Russell, gives but a glimpse of the vast detail lying in the background of the statistics and summaries he has prepared for this annual Communication.

We note with pardonable pride that our Grand Lodge contains in its roster a total membership of 10,133, the net gain for the year under review being 153. It is some years since we had an annual increase in our membership. In fact we have been receiving reports of a decreased membership since 1930, but it would now seem we have turned the bend in the road and are on the forward march.

Reference is made in the report to the conferring of Degrees on several Manitoba brethren in far flung jurisdictions, also that our constituent Lodges have likewise been asked to reciprocate in a similar manner on behalf of Jurisdictions in Canada as well as others in Great Britain and other overseas Dominions. These courtesies have brought Masons connected with the different branches of the Armed Forces in direct contact with the Officers and Members of the Lodges involved, and your Committee is convinced it will form a bond of fellowship which will long be remembered by the participating initiates.

Your Committee is sensitive of the many enquiries directed to our Grand Secretary during the course of the year and realize that only the tact and diplomacy of R.W. Bro. Russell keeps the business section of Grand Lodge running in a smooth condition. We would pay tribute to the Grand Secretary for the fine summary of a busy year and would extend to him our good wishes and hope that he may be privileged to enjoy a full measure of health and strength to carry on his faithful service.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

HUGH MACKENZIE,
Chairman.

Moved by R.W. Bro. Hugh Mackenzie (140), that this report be received and adopted, seconded by W. Bro. F. H. Blyth (93). Carried.

PRESENTATIONS

The rank of Honorary P.D.D.G. was conferred by Grand Lodge on R.W. Bro. Charles C. McLeod, of "The Pas" Lodge No. 124. The presentation was made by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, P.G.M. (4), on behalf of Grand Lodge, to which R.W. Bro. McLeod graciously acknowledged the honor.

M.W. Bro. Wm. P. Sturtz, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, on extending fraternal greetings, presented to Grand Lodge a Gavel, made by his own hands, from wood taken from the Estate of the late President of the U. S., George Washington, in Mount Vernon. The Grand Master accepted the Gavel and delegated M.W. Bro. Stanley H. Fahrni to suitably acknowledge the very acceptable gift. M.W. Bro. Fahrni gladly complied with the request of our Grand Master, and thanked our distinguished guest for his very appropriate gift, with its Masonic associations.

Music by the Shrine Chanters.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master introduced our Guest Speaker, R.W. Bro. Ven. Archdeacon A. P. Gower-Rees, M.A., D.C.L., M.C., and asked him to address the brethren.

ADDRESS OF VEN. ARCHDEACON A. P. GOWER-REES, M.A., D.L.C., M.C.

Most Worshipful Sir, Right Worshipful Sirs, Grand Officers,
Officers and Brethren:

I am most grateful for the gracious welcome you have extended to me, and now I can only hope that the message I am about to deliver will prove worthy of the felicitous terms in which you have greeted me, on this, my second appearance at your Annual Grand Lodge Communication.

It is a gratifying mark of distinction for a speaker to be asked to address such an assembly of the initiated once; it is a flattering compliment to be asked twice, and I suppose it would be a superlative honor to be asked thrice. That is not intended as a hint. While I have enjoyed, in my vanity, the delight that each of those degrees of distinction brings with it, I am not so sure that I have always deserved them. Now, what I really want to say in these preliminary remarks is that I appreciate very much the generous compliment you have paid me in asking me to address you on this occasion.

The subject of my address is "Freemasonry's Mission in the Post-War World." The very eloquent and impressive address to which we listened at today's luncheon has moved me to make certain changes in my treatment of this subject. In the latter part of that address, the speaker stressed the obligation of every true Mason, and his duty as a citizen, and I will endeavor to avoid a repetition of his forceful appeal. "Freemasonry's Mission in the Post-War World"—There are three worlds I wish to underline in that title. "Freemasonry", "Mission", and "Post-War

World." Each of those words offers a profitable field of thought and discussion, and we would do well to turn our thoughts upon them.

1. *Post-War World.* I will take this third word first. It is the field of man's future operations, when the present world conflict ceases, and men are again at liberty to build a structure of civilization, by which all men, regardless of race, color, language or religion, will find a fuller and happier life, and justice, equity and brotherly love the glorious privilege of all men. There is always a fascination about the unknown, for it ever lures man on to explore it. The world I speak of now is the world of human affairs and relationships. The physical world in which we dwell, which the Architect of the Universe designed and controls, can be relied upon for a continuance of the recurring seasons of spring, summer, autumn and winter, and this earth is richly stored with incalculable provisions for man's physical needs. This physical world has been well explored, and what has already been discovered guarantees ample provision for the material needs of man for countless generations to come. We are further encouraged in the belief that the discovered resources are but a small fraction of the undiscovered. Yet men have gone hungry, starve and kill each other in the scramble for a share of those provisions.

The problem of the Post-War World, as I see it, is not a problem of adequate and available supplies, but a fair and just distribution of those commodities that are essential for the maintenance of man's physical and mental well-being. It is when we come to the distribution of these good things of the earth that we are confronted with difficulties, created by the acquisitiveness and avariciousness of man. Our social and economic problems, so-called, spring from the failure of men to recognize and apply the fundamental principle of brotherly love in their relationships and dealings with their fellow-men. That fact, and it is a fact, leads us to a survey of the world of human affairs and relationships, the world in which human wills, dispositions, faith and spirit are potent factors.

It is for this world of human relationships that Masonic ethics and morality were promulgated and its principles enunciated. The physical Post-War World will be very much the same as that we have always known, but our knowledge of it will be greatly increased. It is the world of human spirits that we must change, and it is to that enormous task that Freemasonry can lend its invaluable aid. The Post-War World will not be a newly-discovered world to which thwarted souls can emigrate; it will be the same old world of human affairs, but we hope, under new and better management of men actuated by the highest and noblest motives.

The attractive plans, blue-prints and schemes prepared by gifted economists and technologists will not of themselves produce the new world men yearn for. New men and new women will be needed who will apply the Divine principles of brotherly love, relief and truth in all their dealings one with another. Of one thing we are certain, no human plan can succeed that conflicts with the plan of the Great Architect of the Universe.

II. *"Freemasonry."* What is it?

Let us now consider some of the claims of our Freemasonry and see how far its teaching and practice will help us to a fuller knowledge of the Divine Architect and His plans for mankind.

It must not be taken for granted that reception into the Order is automatically accompanied by an ability to appreciate forthwith and at its full value all that one finds there. The familiar definitions of Masonry do not help and enlighten every member equally. Masonry is a veiled and cryptic expression of the difficult science of spiritual life, and the understanding of it calls for special and informed guidance on the one hand, and on the other, a genuine and earnest desire for knowledge.

"Freemasonry is an organized system of morality," and morality has to do with our relationship with God and our fellowman. Every Masonic Lodge is dedicated to God and His service. Each candidate for membership declares his belief in the Supreme Being. Guidance from on High is sought step by step. Members are expected to keep strictly aloof from all doctrinal and political divisions; and whatever their tongue, race or creed, a recognition of the Eternal is demanded. Further, they are expected to give loyalty to their country and obedience to its laws, with strict regard for the rights and liberties of their fellowmen. The most zealous Freemason would not pretend that every member of the Craft lives up to the ideal set forth. The value of a system, whether of religion or morality, of government or civilization, is to be guaged not from its failures but its fruits.

In the first Masonic charge, "Concerning God and Religion", it was laid down and the rule holds good today, that a Mason is obliged to obey the moral law; not to be irreligious or an atheist; and never to act against the dictates of his conscience. "Let a man's religion or mode of religion be what it may, he is not excluded from the Order, provided he believes in the glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth, and practices the sacred duties of morality."

Thus, Masonry is the centre of union between good men and true, and the happy means of conciliating friendship amongst those who must otherwise remain strangers. The widest tolerance in religious thought was from the beginning enjoined and care was taken to exclude party politics, as well as sectarian strife, from the Masonic Lodge. Freemasonry, as we know it, was first organized in a time that was specially favorable to organize for social, philanthropic and thoughtful ends—a non-partisan, non-sectarian body in which all men of good idea and peaceful purposes, drawn from every school of opinion and purpose in life, could join for the common weal. In a time of religious and political confusion, Freemasonry was welcomed by intelligent and law-abiding folk as a non-party, non-sectarian body and it set forth on its mission with the root idea, "Fear God; Honour the King; Love the Brotherhood."

In brief, we may say that Freemasonry is a school of ethics and morality in which a Mason is taught reverence, patriotism and good citizenship, repect for law, and regard for the rights, and tolerance for the weaknesses of his fellowmen, with an ever readiness to assist the downtrodden and succour the desolate. The ritual and ceremonial of Freemasonry is a pedagogic device by which its members are taught how they may know themselves, the Universe and God

III. *"Mission of Freemasonry."* We live in days when every human institution, whether avowedly or in effect is tested by its results. "By their fruits ye shall know them." No institution can lay claim to the right to exist merely on the ground that in the past it served high and noble purposes. It has only the right to the loyalty and devotion of its members according to its worthy endeavors and achievements in the present. Brotherly love and truth were two of the great principles on which our fraternity was founded with relief as their practical accompaniment. The development of the charitable idea was the parent of the mighty movement of Masonic benevolence to be seen at its highest point today. In the United States, the charitable efforts put forth in all the great jurisdictions are stupendous and cover a wider range than any yet attempted on the British side of the Atlantic. Canada, Australia, New Zealand, all with Sovereign Jurisdictions of their own, furnish admirable examples of Masonic Benevolent Endeavor. It is with grateful pride we mention those great achievements as some of the results of the activities of the Order.

Let me turn to another matter which will help us to guage the effectiveness of Masonry in the world outside our Lodge rooms. We repeat with some conviction that our Masonry is known "over the whole inhabitable globe." There are between five and six million Freemasons in the world, including adherents of the best known religions in the world, and yet they could not prevent the present world catastrophe. The Christian Church has been confronted with the same indictment. The great world of the uninitiated demands that we make our claims effective.

As Freemasons, we claim that our Freemasonry provides us with a motive and a power that will enable us to solve most of our problems. We value what we call our Masonic "secrets", and according as they are beneficial to us, brotherly love and truth demands that we share the benefits of those secrets with our fellowmen. There is a challenging story in the Volume of the Sacred Law which may guide us in our Mission in the Post-War World. A certain city was besieged, famine fell upon the inhabitants; to relieve the situation they cast out four leprous men to die outside their gate. The four men decided to go over into the camp of the enemy, for they said, "If they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die." They went and found the camp deserted, and provisions in abundance. They ate and drank and hid a large quantity of the loot they collected. Then, as they thought of the inhabitants of the city, they said one to another, "We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings and we hold our peace!" . . . . "Now therefore come that we may go and tell." They went and the situation in the city was changed. Brethren, we claim that we have a precious possession in our Masonry, we do not well, if we keep it to ourselves. The great outside world is hungering intellectually and spiritually for that which we claim to have so richly. While we cannot and should not as a society meddle with politics, yet it is within our power to spread that influence that will create brotherly love and truth in the social life of men.

I sometimes wonder if Freemasonry is to be regarded as a completed unalterable system. We seem to desperately cling to static, settled, authoritative finality as though that were our safety and our strength. In no other realm should we dream of such an attitude. In all realms human life is creative; it spontaneously wells up into new insights and endeavors. It outgrows its old formulations as a child its early clothes. Continuity in any realm of human interest is not to be found in its formulations, but in its abiding life. When Freemasonry persists in regarding its formulas, ceremonials and rituals as unalterable, then it becomes preservative and not creative; it rests on assumed finalities instead of daring new sallies of the spirit; it retreats into its Lodge rooms instead of taking the open road. Fremasonry does not and must not begin and end in the Lodge, or its contribution to the realization of our finest dreams for the Post-War world will be well-nigh negligible. Meticulous performance of ceremonies and rituals will not go far, if it does not issue in public and private righteousness.

Finally, may I venture to offer for consideration a few suggestions which may, if tried, lead to a widening and strengthening of Freemasonry's influence in the world. The Masonic Craft has grown and ramified to dimensions undreamed of by its original founders, and at its present rate of increase, its potentialities and influences in the future are quite incalculable.

What seems now needed to intensify the worth and usefulness of this great Brotherhood is to deepen its understanding of its own system, to educate its members in the deeper meaning and true purpose of its rites and philosophy.

The future development and value of the Order as a moral force in the society of men depend on the views its members take of their system—hence the importance of more instruction for its members. Generally speaking, it is from lack of instruction rather than of desire to learn that the Craft suffers today. But I have reason to believe that in your Jurisdiction a very real contribution has been made to supply the instruction needed.

We have in our hands, in our custody, a precious heritage, which we must ever guard from unhallowed uses. May you go from strength to strength in all your endeavors, and may the Great Architect of the Universe abundantly bless you all.

Ye are builders of this temple,
All your lives and all groans
Help to rear its stately structure,
All your lives are building stones.

For this Temple ye must labor,
For its sake bear pain and grief,
In it, find the end of living
And the anchor of belief.

M.W. Bro. George F. Ellice, P.G.M. of Alberta, moved a vote of thanks to the speaker, in glowing terms, for his powerful and uplifting address. Carried, with prolonged applause.

REPORT OF SCRUTINEERS ON ELECTIONS, 1944-45

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Your Board of Scrutineers, appointed to conduct the Annual Election of Officers and eight members to the Board of General Purposes for a term of two years, also District Deputy Grand Masters for the several Masonic Districts, make report as follows:

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER the name of Samuel Burland was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER the name of Peter T. Pilkey was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF SENIOR GRAND WARDEN the name of Maurice S. Donovan was the only one submitted for nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN five names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

Harry Coddington
Harry B. Donnelly
Chas. A. Midwinter
Geo. E. Miles
Frank E. Simmons

The number of ballots cast was 589 of which 588 were valid. (1 was spoiled.) The necessary quota to elect was 295. Bro. Donnelly received the necessary ballot to elect.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND TREASURER the name of Alexander Burgess was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY the name of J. H. G. Russell was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND CHAPLAIN three names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

J. B. Francis
Solomon Frank
H. B. Wallace

The number of ballots cast was 589 of which 583 were valid. (6 were spoiled.) The necessary quota to elect was 292. Bro. Wallace received the quota.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND HISTORIAN the name of William Douglas was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES the name of J. J. Bannerman was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND LIBRARIAN the name of Chas. E. Somerset was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES twenty names were submitted for eight vacancies (two year term) i.e.:

John C. Bate
O. W. Crowther
Alex E. Duff
Robert E. Emmett
David Griffith
J. F. Irwin
Geo. E. Keyes
A. E. Longstaffe
W. J. McGregor
Hugh Mackenzie
G. A. McMorran
R. M. Muckle
W. Paterson
O. S. Ross
S. W. Robertson
S. J. Sametz
S. M. Stephens
Jas. Wardrope
H. T. Waters
A. T. Woolston

The number of ballots cast was 588 of which 587 were valid. (1 was spoiled.) The necessary quota to elect was 66. The following named brethren received the required quota or an equivalent to elect:

1. John C. Bate
2. Robert E. Emmett
3. David Griffith
4. J. F. Irwin
5. A. E. Longstaffe
6. Hugh Mackenzie
7. O. S. Ross
8. H. T. Waters

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

First Masonic District the name of Hugh A. Innes was the only one submitted in nomination.

Second Masonic District the name of T. E. Squire was the only one submitted in nomination.

Third Masonic District the name of Harry Zachary was the only one submitted in nomination.

Fourth Masonic District the name of Frank B. Lynes was the only one submitted in nomination.

Fifth Masonic District the name of Wallace D. Berwick was the only one submitted in nomination.

Sixth Masonic District the name of Thomas A. Taylor was the only one submitted in nomination.

Seventh Masonic District the name of W. A. Prugh was the only one submitted in nomination.

Eighth Masonic District the name of Leslie C. Welsh was the only one submitted in nomination.

Ninth Masonic District the name of Fred Starr was the only one submitted in nomination.

Tenth Masonic District the name of Donald C. Robertson was the only one submitted in nomination.

Twelfth Masonic District three names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

Geo. P. Fairbairn
Thos. B. Findlay
David Mackay

The number of ballots cast was 123, of which 122 were valid. The necessary quota to elect was 62. Brother Mackay received the quota.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WM. DOUGLAS,
Chairman.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4), seconded by M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (4), the Report of the Scrutineers was received and adopted.

APPRECIATION

Grand Lodge adopted the following resolution covering their thanks and appreciation:

"To the Shrine Chanters, who attended our Thursday evening session and sang several fine selections, under the leadership of Bro. A. Gill."

"To Bro. J. Leslie Poynter, who kindly acted as Grand Organist, as accompanist and song leader, on account of the illness of our Grand Organist, V.W. Bro. J. J. Lyon."

"To the management and staff of the Fort Garry Hotel, for the arrangements made for the Grand Lodge Sessions, and their attention and assistance at all times."

"To all those who assisted in carrying out the various sessions and meetings of Grand Lodge."

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The Most Worshipful Grand Master called on M.W. Bro. Charles M. Pollock, of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, and M.W. Bro. George Moore, of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, to speak to the brethren.

These two Distinguished Guests extended warm and kindly messages from their respective Grand Lodges and gave very timely suggestions about opportunities of greater service for Freemasonry and humanity at large in the years that lie ahead.

INSTALLATION CEREMONY

Hymn: "O Master, let me walk with Thee."

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. Ben. C. Parker, called on M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (4), to assume the Gavel and instal the Grand Lodge Officers.

M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (4) called on R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman (93), Grand Director of Ceremonies, to assist him.

The following Grand Lodge Officers, elected and appointed, were duly installed in office, except the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Historian, Grand Librarian and Grand Organist, who were re-elected to their respective Grand Lodge Offices:

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS ELECTED AND APPOINTED FOR 1944-45

Grand Master	M.W.Bro. Samuel Burland (12)	St. Vital
Deputy Grand Master	R.W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey (25)	Winnipeg
Senior Grand Warden	R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (113)	Brandon
Junior Grand Warden	R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138)	St. Vital
Grand Treasurer	R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3)	Winnipeg
Grand Secretary	R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell (114)	Winnipeg
Grand Chaplain	R.W. Bro. H. B. Wallace (6)	Emerson
Grand Historian	M.W.Bro. Wm. Douglas (4)	Winnipeg
G. D. of Ceremonies	R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman (93)	Winnipeg
Grand Librarian	R.W. Bro. Rev. C. E. Somerset (2)	Selkirk
Senior Grand Deacon	V.W. Bro. H. A. Good (12)	Stonewall
Junior Grand Deacon	V.W. Bro. J. B. McClure (138)	St. Vital
Senior Grand Steward	V.W. Bro. N. Rotshtein (141)	Winnipeg
Junior Grand Steward	V.W. Bro. F. H. Williams (146)	Winnipeg
Grand Organist	V.W. Bro. J. J. Lyon (130)	Winnipeg
Grand Pursuivant	V.W. Bro. S. R. Bird (151)	Winnipeg
Grand Tyler	V.W. Bro. T. G. Beatson (119)	Norwood

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

1st Masonic District	R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes (3)	Winnipeg
2nd Masonic District	R.W. Bro. T. E. Squire (133)	McCreary
3rd Masonic District	R.W. Bro. Harry Zachary (63)	Holland
4th Masonic Distirct	R.W. Bro. F. B. Lynes (71)	Crystal City
5th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. W. D. Berwick (102)	Miniota
6th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. Thos. A. Taylor (77)	Napinka
7th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh (113)	Brandon
8th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. L. C. Welsh (125)	Winnipeg
9th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. Fred Starr (122)	Roblin
10th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. D. C. Robertson (154)	Pine Falls
12th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. David Mackay (140)	Winnipeg

PRESENTATIONS

M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker, retiring Grand Master, presented M.W. Bro. Samuel Burland, Grand Master Elect, with a Grand Master's Collar, Jewel and Apron on behalf of Grand Lodge. M.W. Bro. Samuel Burland, in accepting the Regalia, expressed his thanks and appreciation for the gift, and to the members of Grand Lodge for the honor they had conferred on him in electing him to occupy the Grand East.

M.W. Bro. Samuel Burland presented a Past Grand Master's Jewel to M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker, retiring Grand Master, on behalf of Grand Lodge, to which he replied in a very appropriate manner.

Most Worshipful Bro. Samuel Burland, Grand Master Elect, thanked the Grand Installing Officer, M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (4), and the Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman (93), for the fine exemplification of the Installation Ceremony.

The newly-installed Grand Master called on R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, the new Junior Grand Warden, and R.W. Bro. H. B. Wallace, new Grand Chaplain, to address the brethren on behalf of the newly-elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers; and R.W. Bro. David Mackay, new D.D.G.M., of Twelfth Masonic District, on behalf of the newly-elected District Deputy Grand Masters.

As was to be expected, these brethren responded to the request of the Grand Master, and assured him of their loyal support and assistance during the coming year.

CLOSING HYMN

"O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand."

The business of the Sixty-ninth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and

Accepted Masons of Manitoba, having been completed, The Most Worshipful Grand Master closed it in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Fraternally submitted,

J.H.G. Russell

Grand Secretary.

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FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

I hereby respectfully submit a report of my stewardship as your representative in the First Masonic District. I appointed W. Bro. E. I. Fritch of King Edward No. 93, as Secretary, and W. Bro. Morgan Davies of Ionic No. 25, as Chaplain. V.W. Bro. Percy White was re-elected as Treasurer, and these Brethren constituted the District Officers for the year 1943-44. I called a meeting of the Sitting Masters for September 10th, and again on October 26th. Both of these meetings were held in the Red Room of the Masonic Temple. At the meeting of October 26th the Senior Wardens of the respective Lodges were also present. Matters of interest pertaining to Freemasonry were discussed in general, and matters pertaining to our own District; particularly the matter of waivers of jurisdiction. It was decided to bring in a resolution at the meeting of the First Masonic District recommending to the Grand Lodge that waivers of jurisdiction be abolished.

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple on the evening of Saturday, November 6th. The above resolution was thoroughly discussed and approved by a majority of the Brethren present. We were honored with your presence at this meeting, and also a goodly number of Grand Lodge Officers. We were also graced with the presence of R.W. Bro. David Griffith, D.D.G.M. of District No. 12, accompanied by the officers and Sitting Masters of that District. We also had with us M.W. Bro. Harry Gill and other distinguished Brethren from across the line. It was with a great deal of pleasure that we witnessed the presentation to M.W. Bro. Harry Gill of a certificate naming him as an Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. The presentation was made by our Grand Master. The attendance of the Brethren of District No. 1 at this meeting was very small, considering the number of Freemasons in this District. However, those present showed a keen interest in the business that came up for discussion, and were quite definite in their decisions.

My official visits to the Lodges in my District were made as follows:

1943—

Wednesday, October 13	St. James No. 121
Thursday, October 14	Norwood No. 119

Monday, October 18	Ancient Landmark No. 3
Wednesday, October 20	King Edward No. 93
Monday, October 25	Empire No. 127

1944—

Wednesday, January 5	St. John's No. 4
Wednesday, January 12	Acacia No. 111
Thursday, January 20	Northern Light No. 10
Tuesday, February 1	"The Assiniboine" No. 114
Monday, February 7	Ionic No. 25
Tuesday, February 15	Prince Rupert's No. 1

My visit to Empire Lodge was scheduled for Monday, October 11, but as this day was proclaimed by the Government, Thanksgiving day, this visit had to be postponed to October 25th. This change of date was, in a measure, no doubt, accountable for my suite being composed of my Secretary, W. Bro. E. I. Fritch. However, on my other visits I was accompanied by a representative number of distinguished Brethren from the various Lodges. I was received on all these visits in a most loyal manner, with Grand Honors being the order of the day. Throughout all my visits I was impressed with a renewed interest and vigor among the Brethren of the Lodges, and no doubt the many new applicants seeking admission has a great deal to do with this enthusiasm. It is to be hoped that the Builders will be most cautious in the selection of the new material offered. During my term of office, I have witnessed Degree work in every Lodge, and while it was my pleasure to see some fine work, I am of the opinion that some of our Lodge Officers could improve on their work, and this can only be done, first by the individual officer getting up the work, and then practicing the Degree all together. I am quite sure that a smooth-working group of officers will much better impress the candidate, and as first impressions are usually the best, I would urge all officers of our Lodges to strive to reach, as near as possible, a state of perfection in the work of conferring Degrees.

There is a tendency in some of our Lodges to do too much work in one evening. This, in my opinion, is not conducive to good attendance of the Brethren, and it is an imposition to ask some eminent Brother to come to our Lodges and have him wait until near midnight before being called on for his address.

There was a great deal of inter-exchange of visits among the Lodges, and it was inspiring to get the feeling of Friendship that exists among our Brethren. I wish to record my appreciation of W. Bro. John Torbet for his enthusiasm in visiting so many Lodges as the Sitting Master of Acacia Lodge No. 111. It was my privilege to accompany our Grand Master, along with other distinguished Grand Lodge Officers, to the District Meetings of the Fourth Masonic District, Thursday, August 19, 1943; the Eighth Masonic District, Friday, September 24, 1943; the Tenth Masonic District, Friday, October 8, 1943; the Twelfth Masonic District, Saturday, February 5, 1944.

It was also my privilege and honor to attend several outstanding events in the history of several of our Lodges. Ionic Lodge No. 25 celebrated its 60th anniversary and, as you were present, I will not elaborate on this historic event, but will make mention of the presentation of Fifty-Year Medals to two Past Grand Masters of our Grand Lodge, in the persons of M.W. Bro. Frank Burd and M.W. Bro. Jabez Miller. At King Edward Lodge No. 93, on the occasion of its Past Masters' Night, presentations of Fifty-Year Medals were made to R.W. Bro. Dan McLean and R.W. Bro. R. R. Knox. The presentations at both Lodges were made by our Grand Master. I had also the honor of taking part in the Memorial Service for W. Bro. James McCallum, of St. James Lodge No. 121, who was called away form his labors so suddenly a year past, November 11, 1943.

The First Masonic District Annual Divine Service was held in Grace United Church, Sunday, March 19th. The sermon was delivered by W. Bro. Rev. W. G. Martin, and was well attended by the Brethern of the District.

On occasions when I needed any advice or guidance, our Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell, and M.W. Bro. Harry Woods were ever ready to help me, and I wish hereby to express to them my sincere appreciation, and also to you, Most Worshipful Sir, for your wise counsel and courtesy. To all the Brethren of the First Masonic District I give thanks for their support and loyalty. To the District Officers I tender my humble thanks, and if I particularly mention my faithful Secretary, let it always be remembered a great deal of any organization's success is due, in great part, to the efficiency of the Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK N. BAXTER,
D.D.G.M., First Masonic District.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

In presenting my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Second Masonic District, I wish first to express my thanks to the Brethren of the District for the honor they have conferred upon me in electing me to the office, and to you, Most Worshipful Sir, for confirming the appointment.

I appointed as District Secretary, R.W. Bro. H. T. Trethewey, and as District Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Wm. Cairns.

The dates of my official visits to the Lodges of the District and the Degrees witnessed were as follows:

Lodge No.		
7	Assiniboine (Third)	Nov. 15th, 1943
11	Gladstone (None)	Nov. 8th, 1943
24	Neepawa (First)	Nov. 9th, 1943
29	Carberry (Third)	March 7th, 1944
49	Temple (First and Second)	March 21st, 1944
75	Gothic (First)	July 14th, 1944
108	Union (First)	Feb. 3rd, 1944
116	St. Andrews (Second)	March 13th, 1944
133	McCreary (None)	Nov. 11th, 1943

At all of these meetings I was received with the honor and dignity befitting the occasion and the office I held.

From what I observed on my official visits and learned otherwise, I am satisfied that harmony prevails in all the Lodges of the District, and that the condition of Freemasonry throughout the District is good.

It was particularly gratifying to see the interest taken by Lodges close to Aviation Schools in the personnel of the Schools and to see the numbers in attendance at the Lodge meetings.

While the increase in membership throughout the District in 1943 amounted to only ten, I feel sure from the number of applications and the amount of Degree work shown on the Lodge notices, that the year 1944 should show a substantial increase in membership. This increase in the Degree work and in new members will, I think, have a stimulating effect on the attendance at and interest in Lodge meetings.

Of the nine Lodges in the District only two, Gladstone No. 11 and Union No. 108, show bonds for their Secretaries. One of the Lodges apparently retains the old system of handling Lodge funds.

The District Meeting was held in the Hall of Temple Lodge at MacGregor, on the 13th of October, 1943, and the large attendance provided sincere satisfaction to those who had the work and worry of arranging for it. All Lodges in the District were well represented. The afternoon session was largely devoted to the reports of the Secretaries of the Lodges; a Lodge of Instruction conducted by M.W. Bro. Harry Woods, and addresses by R.W. Bro. Burland, D.G.M., and R.W. Bro. Pilkey, G.S.W; while the evening session was high-lighted by the inspiring address given by you, Most Worshipful Sir.

I should perhaps state here that the assistance given by the Grand Senior Warden and by you, Most Worshipful Sir, in the preparation of the program for the District Meeting, was much appreciated by me.

In addition to the District Meeting, we of the Second Masonic District were privileged to meet with you, Most Worshipful Sir, and with the Deputy Grand Master and Senior Grand Warden, and other Winnipeg Brethren, at the meeting of Assiniboine Lodge No. 7 at Portage la Prairie on February 21st last. I feel sure that this meeting did much to stimulate interest throughout the District in Masonry and all it stands for.

On February 5th last I attended the meeting of the Twelfth District, and was pleased indeed at the fraternal reception accorded me.

I should add that I have found attendance at the meetings of the Board of General Purposes interesting, instructive and stimulating, and would recommend to my successors in office that they attend as many of these meetings as may be practical.

In closing, I wish to thank the District Officers for the assistance they have given me, and to express my appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown to me by the Brethren, and for the kindly personal reception accorded to me at all times.

Fraternally submitted,

M. E. MACKINNON,
D.D.G.M., Second Masonic District.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Freemasonry for the past year in the Third Masonic District.

The District Meeting was held in Crescent Lodge No. 103, at Elm Creek, on Wednesday, July 28th, 1943. The register showed that the attendance, including all Brethren present, was 104.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker, was present, accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Sam. Burland; the Senior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey; the D.D.G.M. of the Twelfth Masonic District, R.W. Bro. David Griffith; the Senior Grand Deacon, R.W. Bro. O. L. Best; M.W. Bros. W. Douglas and Harry Woods, Past Grand Masters, and W. Bro. A. E. Boyle.

The Grand Master delivered a very interesting and inspiring address, which was listened to attentively and was very much appreciated by everyone present. Short addresses were given by R.W. Bros. Burland and Pilkey and W. Bro. Boyle. The meeting was very successful, the programme carefully planned, and well carried out.

I have to report that I have visited officially all Lodges in the District once during my term of office, but sorry to report that I was unable to make a second visit. Following are the dates of my official visits:

August 9th, 1943	Wawanesa No. 67
November 5th, 1943	Treherne No. 51
November 9th, 1943	Strathcona No. 117
November 10th, 1943	Holland No. 63
December 1st, 1943	Crescent No. 103
December 6th, 1943	Cypress No. 82
December 7th, 1943	Swan Lake No. 109
December 8th, 1943	Glenboro No. 48
January 4th, 1944	Rathwell No. 87

It gives me great pleasure to report that all the Lodges are working harmoniously. In five Lodges out of the nine in the District, I witnessed the conferring of a Degree. The ceremony in each case was creditably performed. Officers taking part were earnest and painstaking. The courtesy shown to me by the various Secretaries has been very noticeable, and I desire to express my appreciation and thanks.

In five Lodges I found the Historical Registers had not been written up to date. I stressed the importance of remedying this condition, and was assured that the matter would be attended to.

I am pleased to be able to report that eight Lodges in the District have comfortable Lodge Rooms. I regret to say, however, that the Brethren of Cypress Lodge No. 82 have again had the misfortune to lose their Lodge Room and all their furniture and equipment by fire. I am glad to say that they have been able to acquire another suitable hall to meet in. Members of some of the adjacent Lodges have rendered valuable assistance by gifts of material and money.

Systematic visiting among the Brethren of the Lodges of the Third and adjoining Districts is carried out extensively, and contributes a great deal to the good-fellowship which prevails.

During my official visit to Rathwell Lodge No. 87, I had the honor on behalf of the Grand Master to present to R.W. Bro. C. Wilson a medal, to mark his fifty years of continuous membership in the Craft. Of all the duties I have been called on to perform during my term of office, not one has given me greater pleasure than this. I am confident that Freemasonry is still powerful in the Third Masonic District. I was struck with the friendly spirit which prevailed in all the Lodges.

May I say in conclusion that I have tried in this report to deal with conditions as I found them. I tender my sincere thanks to the Brethren of the Third District for electing me to this high office, and to the membership of all the Lodges for the kindness and courtesy extended to me.

Fraternally submitted,

H. R. BEWES,

D.D.G.M., Third Masonic District.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

As your representative in this District for the year 1943, I am happy to report a year of distinct progress under harmonious conditions. In the various component Lodges there was noted a very real appreciation of the opportunity for outstanding service offered Masonry in these testing times—and a keenness indicative of the excellent work being accomplished throughout the Fourth District.

It was my privilege to be received most cordially and loyally on the occasions of official visits to all Lodges on these dates:

September 16th, 1943	Morden No. 13
September 28th, 1943	Doric, Boissevain, No. 36
October 5th, 1943	Manitou No. 30
October 12th, 1943	Crystal No. 71
October 18th, 1943	Killarney No. 50
October 19th, 1943	Cartwright No. 150
October 28th, 1943	Mound No. 118

On these occasions my address (copy of which is attached) was received with attention that was an inspiration to myself, and comments later demonstrated a keen desire to make of Masonry a vital, living force during these times, so critical to our Order and to us all.

It was my further privilege to witness at one or other of the District Lodges all three Degrees exemplified—and without exception the work was done with ability and dignity such as could not fail properly to impress the various candidates.

To my very great regret it was not possible for me to pay additional visits to all Lodges of the District—as I should very much like to have done. The difficulties of transportation prohibited this—and also, I regret to say, prevented my attending as District Representative more than one meeting of the Board of General Purposes.

In all Lodges I found healthy activity in community endeavors; some were doing very excellent work in promoting worthwhile undertakings on behalf of young people; all were doing a goodly share in war relief work, and promoting the sending of comforts to Canadians absent in the Services overseas and in other parts of the country; financially, Lodges were supporting the war effort by subscribing to War Loans; and statistics show that all Lodges of the District, according to their respective means, are not overlooking that great tenet of Masonry—Charity.

In most Lodges there was considerable work of the most desirable kind on the monthly agenda — conferring Degrees; young men of excellent type were received into Masonry — a most gratifying feature of the year's review being the fact that applications were received by all Lodges, in some cases as many as three applications being received in the one evening.

Visiting between the Lodges, while not as frequent as in some years (due to conditions), was a feature of the year. Four of the Lodges visited one another in a body for the purpose of installing Officers—a fine fraternal gesture.

The District Meeting at Pilot Mound was highly successful, and the presence of yourself, Most Worshipful Sir, and other Grand Lodge Officers and distinguished visitors, was a source of great inspiration.

I wish in this respect to express thanks to W. Bro. R. E. Hicks for most efficient work as District Secretary; to W. Bro. R. Leiper for ably officiating as District Chaplain; to all Lodges of the Fourth District for the kindly co-operation and generous support given me throughout my term; and to all Brethren for their confidence in selecting me for nomination as their choice for your representative—an honor and a privilege that I shall always remember with gratitude.

Fraternally submitted,

RONALD W. TUCKWELL,
D.D.G.M., Fourth Masonic District.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor and privilege to present my report for the Fifth Masonic District.

In submitting this report I feel that I must make mention of the fact that, due to a consistent illness, I was unable to officially visit all the Lodges in the District; for this I am extremely sorry. I do feel some consolation, however, in the fact that my personal loss is greater than that of this District. I believe that every District Deputy Grand Master gains a wealth of knowledge, apart from a host of friends, in carrying out the duties of his office.

Our District Meeting was held at Cardale on the afternoon and evening of August 16th, 1943, with the following Grand Lodge Officers in attendance:

M.W. Bro. Ben C. Parker, Grand Master.
M.W. Bro. Stanley H. Fahrni, Past Grand Master.
M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, Past Grand Master.
M.W. Bro. Harry Woods, Past Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Sam Burland, Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan, Junior Grand Warden.

Forty-four Masons from our own district were in attendance, and eleven visitors from other Districts, including Grand Lodge Officers. At this meeting I expressed my regret that the attendance was so small, but I felt that it was impossible for many of our rural members to attend, due to the pressure of harvest and the lack of harvest help. This is a point perhaps to be considered by Grand Lodge Officers in preparing their itinerary for future District Meetings.

Due to illness, as mentioned before, I was able to officially visit only seven of the thirteen Lodges in the District. On these visits I was received with the most cordial of greetings, receiving the Grand Honors as your representative. I was accompanied by Brethren from my own and neighboring Lodges on these visits.

I have found in my few visits: That Masonic interest is being stimulated throughout the District; that most Lodges are having a decided increase in membership; financially the Lodges in the District appear generally to be in excellent condition, with most of the Lodge rooms being owned by the Lodges themselves.

In closing my report I wish, again, to express my sincere regret to you and to the Brethren of the Fifth Masonic District for my inability to fully carry out the duties of my office. I do, however, want to express my heartfelt thanks to all those of my Brethren who helped me in doing the little bit I was able.

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. WILTSEY,
D.D.G.M., Fifth Masonic District.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration and approval my Report as District Deputy Grand Master of the

Sixth Masonic District for the year 1943-44. Although I entered upon the duties with a certain amount of apprehension, based upon a sense of responsibility to you, and a knowledge of my limitations, friendly encouragement greeted me everywhere in the District, and made the work pleasant for me, and I hope in some measure of value to the District.

On August 18th, 1943, the District Meeting was held in Deloraine, and was fairly well attended, considering it was the middle of harvest. Every Lodge in the District was represented. All were honored with the presence of the following Grand Lodge Officers:

M.W. Bro. Ben C. Parker, Grand Master.
M.W. Bro. Harry Wood, Past Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Sam Burland, Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan, Junior Grand Warden.

The afternoon session was taken up with business and reports, and some very good discussions followed. Adjournment was made at 6.30 for the Banquet, served in the United Church parlors.

The evening session was opened with a reception of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Ben C. Parker, and other Grand Lodge Officers. The reception was followed by a presentation of a District Deputy Grand Master's Apron to R.W. Bro. W. L. Leppert, of Kilwinning Lodge No. 110, Minto, Manitoba. The presentation was made by R.W. Bro. T. R. Falconer, of Deloraine Lodge, on behalf of the District.

Then followed the address of the Grand Master, and I can assure you, Most Worshipful Sir, we listened with appreciation to your eloquent address, the thought expressed and the counsel given, if applied individually and practiced by all men, these troublesome times would soon end.

Visitations

I made official visits to District Lodges as follows:

September 20th	Oriental No. 54
September 24th	Glenwood No. 27
October 7th	Napinka No. 77
October 11th	Kilwinning No. 110
October 14th	Reston No. 104
October 5th	Hartney No. 52
October 12th	Elgin No. 86
February 16th	Deloraine No. 40

I also attended the Church Service of Reston Lodge.

The meeting of District No. 4 at Pilot Mound.

The District Church Service of District No. 6 at Deloraine, on Sunday, September 26th.

Golden Jubilee Celebration of Oriental Lodge at Melita, on September 20th.

Diamond Jubilee of Glenwood Lodge at Souris, on June 5th, 1944.

I also made unofficial visits to every Lodge in the District at least once, and to nearby Lodges, where gas would permit, I made several visits, and had the opportunity of witnessing Degree Work in most of the Lodges.

I am indeed pleased to state that the condition of Freemasonry in the District is truly Masonic.

A wonderful spirit of harmony exists; no sign of friction or discord is to be found. The Officers are well skilled, and conscientious in their work, careful in detail, and thorough in conferring Degrees, preparation of candidates and other work, and are ably assisted by the Past Masters, who give of their time and experience.

Some of the Lodges have Study Clubs, but all have special addresses on Masonic subjects, prepared by local members and others. I have endeavored during my term of office, in my everyday life and in my visitations, to create an atmosphere of co-operation among the Brethren. I have emphasized the necessity of inter-Lodge visitation in order to strengthen our District, and arouse the feeling of good-fellowship.

I would like to see each Lodge in the District make plans to visit every other Lodge at least once a year, thereby creating that co-operation and good-fellowship so badly needed today.

In conclusion, I wish to express my thanks to you, Most Worshipful Sir, and to the members of the Sixth Masonic District, for the honor you conferred upon me, and to all Officers and Members of the District who have been so faithful, sympathetic and helpful during my term of office as District Deputy Grand Master Especially do I thank the Officers and Members of my own Lodge who accompanied me on my visits, and particularly do I wish to thank V.W. Bro. W. A. Bourns, my Secretary, who accompanied me on all my visits, for his untiring labor, his guidance and advice, which made my work very much easier.

Fraternally submitted,

FRED FORD,
D.D.G.M., Sixth Masonic District.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to meet you here again after a year of experience as your District Deputy Grand Master.

It has been a year filled with varied experiences for me, some very pleasant and others not so pleasant Shortly after taking office as D.D.G.M. I found myself in the very unfortunate position of being short of help in my office, which made it very hard for me to get away to visit any but the nearest Lodges in the discharge of my duties as District Deputy; however, I finally was able to visit all the Lodges in the District, with the exception of Composite Lodge at Alexander, at least once.

I found a great reawakening of interest in Masonic matters, and an upsurge of applications received and degrees conferred. Every Lodge had candidates going through, and more in prospect. I witnessed some splendid Degree Work, indeed, and a much improved condition with regard to the interest taken by the younger Masons in the work.

In my visits I stressed, while addressing the Lodges, the great need of preparation for the problems of the post-war period, and the part which might be taken in such work by Masons generally, that the proper re-establishment of the returning men and women will be a matter of the first importance to all Masons and to all good citizens.

When I made my first visit it was to Lansdowne Lodge at Griswold, in keeping with a promise I had made to R.W. Bro. McLeod, my predecessor. I was very much struck with the friendliness existing between the Brethren of the Lodge and their wish to extend that friendly feeling to me. I witnessed an exemplification of the Fellow Craft Degree on a first-class candidate.

In the interests of inter-Lodge I invited them to bring their candidate up to Elkhorn, my mother Lodge, for his Master Mason Degree.

A Dispensation being received from the Grand Lodge for this purpose, the Master Mason Degree was conferred at our November meeting, and a very enjoyable meeting was made more so by that act. It gave me great pleasure to take part in this work.

My visit to Oak Lake Lodge was made with the expectation that I should witness some Degree Work there, but, unfortunately, their candidate was unable to attend. This Lodge is feeling keenly the absence of its most active and well-skilled members, who are out of town on war work.

Elkhorn, my mother Lodge, welcomed me warmly on my official visit there in December. Here I took the matter of the mortgage on their building up with the Senior Officers of the Lodge, and I am sorry to say that matter is not improving to any appreciable degree. The close relations existing between the mortgagor and the Lodge, and the financial condition of the mortgagor, rules out completely the total abandonment of the property to the mortgagor.

An attempt is now being made to raise the amount of the debt by small loans from the members, which loans would be repayable if and when the Lodge is able to retire them.

With the exception of the above, the Lodge is doing very well and getting a very high class of new members.

Brandon Lodge No. 19 was next on my list, and it also was a very pleasant visit indeed. The absence of the sitting Master, W. Bro. G. S. Jory, was regretted, but as he is engaged on war work and is at present out of town, he is very ably represented by W. Bro. T. Sigurdson, whose handling of all matters pertaining to the work of the Lodge is of a very high order.

My visit to Tweed Lodge was the last on my list of duties, and here also, as in No 19, I found that the sitting Master, W. Bro. Buckham, was absent on war work. This Lodge is in the hands of W. Bro. Willmott and a splendid group of Officers, who are competent in every way, and who give of their time generously to help their sister Lodges by a great deal of visiting by their Degree Team.

In retrospect I am very glad that I was present when M.W. Bro. William Fenwick tendered his resignation from the office of Secretary of the Lodge, and that I was permitted to tell him personally of the high esteem in which he was held in the Seventh Masonic District in particular, and throughout the whole Craft in general.

This ended my official visits—Composite Lodge, Alexander, having been taken care of by R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan and R.W. Bro. Hugh Kerr during my illness—and I wish to express my sincere thanks to the two R.W. Brothers for their kindness and consideration.

All of which is humbly submitted,

J. M. McCORKINDALE,
D.D.G.M., Seventh Masonic District.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit to you for approval my report as your representative for the Eighth Masonic District, for the year 1943 and 1944.

I appointed W. Bro. A. R. Dick, of East Star Lodge No. 55, as my Secretary; W. Bro. Rev. H. B. Wallace, of Emerson Lodge No. 6, Chaplain. These Brothers, with R.W. Bro. R. McKenzie, re-elected Treasurer, constituted the District Officers for the year.

My first words to you, Most Worshipful Sir and Brothers, is to thank you for electing me to this high office; all this I have enjoyed in a rich measure, and for which my heartfelt thanks are now given. I readily admit that I may have failed in much I had hoped to do, but this is due only to my own limited ability

During my year of office I have tried to do what appeared the greatest interest to the Craft. If I have made errors, the fault is mine. It has been a great privilege for me to serve you in the best way I knew how, as your District Deputy Grand Master.

Our annual Church Service was held at Morris, Man., on August 29th. The attendance was not as large as it should have been, with only 35 or 40 Brothers attending. Our Chaplain, W. Bro. Wallace, conducted the service, and those who were there were well repaid by the address given by him. I wish at this time to extend my appreciation for his services as our Chaplain.

Our District Meeting was held at Morris on September 24th, 1943, and was well attended, at which it was a real pleasure to welcome, along with yourself, several other Grand Lodge Officers, in the person of R.W. Bro. Sam Burland, D.G.M.; R.W. Bro. Rev. P. Pilkey, S.G.W.; M.W. Bro. G. Hunter, M.W. Bro. W. Douglas, and M.W. Bro. H. Wood.

Minutes of District No. 8, held June 3rd, 1943, at the Royal Alexandra Hotel, Winnipeg, were read and approved.

Visitors were welcomed by R.W. Bro. Geo. E. Keyes, District Deputy Grand Master. Reports from Secretaries of each Lodge in the District were read by W. Bro. L. C. Welsh, who acted as Secretary for the meeting, on account of W. Bro. A. R. Dick being confined to his bed under doctor's care.

Reference was made to the Golden Jubilee of East Star Lodge No. 55, Gretna, next June. Suggestions were made that all Lodges in the District assist in a suitable celebration of the event.

M.W. Bro. H. Wood gave a very instructive address entitled, "Lodge of Instruction." M.W. Bro. Douglas gave a resume of Grand Lodge reports. We then called off at 6:00 p.m. and repaired to the banquet hall, where the ladies of the United Church of Morris had prepared a chicken dinner, which all enjoyed.

The toast to "The Grand Master of Manitoba" was given by W. Bro. L. C. Welsh, Sperling Lodge, which was responded to by M.W. Bro. Ben C. Parker, in one of those addresses that makes a Mason think of his Masonic conduct. It was deeply appreciated by the Brethren. Also a toast to "The Ladies," given by W. Bro. E. Collins, Midlothian Lodge, which was responded to by Mrs. Shewman in a very fitting manner.

At 8 p.m. all returned to the Lodge room, when the Grand Master was introduced, with other Grand Lodge Officers. You and your Officers were received with Grand Honors. The main feature of the evening session was the splendid and inspiring address you then gave us, of which the Brethren present voiced their appreciation. I am sure the Brethren left the Lodge room feeling they had heard something which would be a real help to them.

M.W. Bro. W. A. Piper, of Sprague Lodge, was presented with a Certificate, making him an Honorary Past District Deputy Grand Master, as recognition of Grand Lodge for the valuable contribution he had made to Masonry in Manitoba.

R.W. Bro. Sam Burland then presented R.W. Bro. Piper with the D.D.G.M. Apron. M.W. Bro. Parker added a few words of commendation. R.W. Bro. Piper responded very fittingly, and in his usual sincere manner.

The meeting was brought to a close with an address by R.W. Bro. P. Pilkey, Senior Grand Warden, which was enjoyed by all present.

My official visits were made as follows:

August 5th, 1943	East Star No. 55
September 14th, 1943	King Solomon No. 8
September 16th, 1943	Emerson No. 6
October 18th, 1943	Midlothian No. 90
November 16th, 1943	Carman No. 155
October 26th, 1943	Penza No. 120
October 29th, 1943	Sprague No. 132
November 11th, 1943	Shiloh No. 70
March 1st, 1944	Patricia No. 125

During all these visits I was well received and impressed with the way the meetings were conducted. I found the Officers to be very efficient, the opening and closing being well exemplified. I was privileged with seeing Degree Work put on in all but three Lodges, East Star No. 55, Sprague No. 132, and Midlothian No. 90. The latter has had several candidates since I paid my official visit. The Degrees were conferred in a manner that would not fail to make a lasting impression on the candidates, as well as on the members present. The desire on the part of the Masters and Officers to impress the lessons taught in the Degrees was evident upon the minds of the candidates. I find there has been quite an increase in candidates in most of the Lodges in District Eight in the past year; also that a younger class of candidates are at present being received, and would say the condition of Freemasonry in the Eighth Masonic District has improved over past years.

On April 20th, Emerson Lodge held their annual International Night. Several Grand Lodge Officers, about 40 Brethren of other Lodges in District No. 8, and about 20 visitors from Lodges in North Dakota attended. Among dignitaries present were M.W. Bro. Ben C. Parker, Grand Master; R.W. Bro. Sam Burland, D.G.M.; R.W. Bro. Peter Pilkey, S.G.W.; M.W. Bro. Harry Wood, M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, all of the

Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and M.W. Bro. Harry Gill, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

M.W. Bro. Parker gave a short address, during which he presented R.W. Bro. A. W. Badger, of Carman Lodge, with a Fifty-Year Jewel. R.W. Bro. Badger made a very fitting reply.

W. Bro. Rabbi Solomon Frank, the principal speaker for the evening, gave a very fluent, forceful and timely address on the part Masons can and should take in world construction.

A very enjoyable hour or more was spent around the lunch table, with W. Bro. Wallace as toastmaster. It was a most enjoyable evening.

On the 11th of May a similar meeting will be held in Roland, Man. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, accompanied by the Grand Lodge Officers, will make an official visit to Shiloh Lodge No. 70.

In conclusion, I wish to pay special tribute to W. Bro. A. R. Dick, my Secretary; to R.W. Bro. N. McDougall; W. Bro. O. Malmgren, of Emerson Lodge; also R.W. Bro. A. Argue; W. Bro. I. Coblentz, and R.W. Bro. M. Nitikman, of East Star Lodge, who were with me on most of my visits; also to W. Bro. L. C. Welsh, of Sperling Lodge, for his assistance given me when it was not possible for my Secretary to be with me; to all you Brothers I extend my sincere thanks.

And now I wish to express to the Brethren of the Eighth Masonic District, deep gratitude for the honor they have conferred upon me as their D.D.G.M., and I wish to assure both you and them that it has been a pleasure to serve in that capacity during the year 1943 and 1944, in which I have received the fullest support and co-operation at all times.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. E. KEYES,
D.D.G.M., Eighth Masonic District.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report of the condition of Freemasonry in the Ninth Masonic District for the year 1943-44.

The District Meeting was held in Swan River on September 27th, 1943, when we had the pleasure of having with us M.W. Bro. Parker, R.W. Bro. Pilkey, R.W. Bro. Russell and other Grand Lodge Officers.

The afternoon session was well attended by the Brethren of the various Lodges, and matters pertaining to the welfare of the Craft were well discussed. I am of the opinion that the Brethren of the various Lodges of our District are well informed and arrive at satisfactory conclusions on the subjects brought forward.

At the evening session, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master was received officially and gave us a very inspiring address, which was very helpful and much appreciated by all the Brethren present.

I had the pleasure of paying official visits to all the Lodges in the Ninth Masonic District, as follows:

October 11, 1943	Roblin No. 122, Roblin
October 12, 1943	Hiram No. 94, Grandview
October 13, 1943	Robbie Burns No. 100, Gilbert Plains
November 2, 1943	Favel No. 126, Minitonas
November 11, 1943	Jubilee No. 147, Bowsman
November 17, 1943	Victory No. 128, Benito
February 1, 1944	Vermillion No. 68, Dauphin
February 3, 1944	Prince Arthur No. 105, Swan River

On all of my visits I was given a truly warm welcome and with loyalty to the Craft. The Masters and Officers of each Lodge tried to make my visit one to be long remembered.

I witnessed Degree Work at all of the Lodges, and in all cases the work was creditably performed. The increase in membership in every Lodge is quite noticeable, and reflects in no mean way the respect in which our Order is held by the general public. The attendance at some places was not all that could be hoped for, but quite often other duties interfered with the attendance.

It behooves every member of the Masonic Order to make a thorough study of the teachings of our beloved Order, in order that we may be able to follow out the truths contained in the volume of the Sacred Law. In the reconstruction period following this present destructive war, Masonry will and must take a real part in the building up of a better and saner civilization.

I wish to place on record my appreciation of the honor which the Brethren of the Ninth Masonic District have conferred upon me. To one and all, I say "thank you." It has been a wonderful experience and education for me, and my circle of Masonic friends and Brothers has been greatly enlarged.

I wish to express my appreciation of the able assistance of the District Chaplain, W. Bro. Wm. Foshner; also to W. Bro. Rev. Hislop Dickson, District Secretary, to whom I owe everything for having made all the arrangements for the various meetings, and who kindly accompanied me on all my official visits. Without his assistance I would have been at a loss.

I close my report with the assurance, Most Worshipful Sir, that a fine spirit of harmony prevails in the Masonic Order in the Ninth Masonic District.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN LIVESEY,
D.D.G.M., Ninth Masonic District.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit to you my report as your representative for the Tenth Masonic District for the year ending June 8, 1944.

I was very fortunate, during this term, in having the assistance of W. Bro. J. Norquay as Secretary, and W. Bro. Rev. R. S. Montgomery as Chaplain.

My official visits were made as follows:

September 1st	Stony Mountain No. 134
September 10th	Pine Falls No. 154
September 3rd	Transcona No. 123
September 14th	Kildonan No. 131
September 21st	Manitouwapa No. 156
October 1st	Ophir No. 112
October 5th	The Dormer No. 151
October 19th	Stonewall No. 12
November 12th	Seven Oaks No. 148
November 16th	Lisgar No. 2

The total attendance at the above meetings amounted to 377, made up of 232 members and 145 visitors. The total membership for the District amounts to 730—a gain of one for the year.

I am sorry to report that we have lost fourteen members by death during the year. Initiations amounted to twenty-two.

There seems to be a considerable variation in Lodge fees and dues in the District: Initiation fees vary from $40.00 to $75.00; annual dues, resident members $6.00 to $10.00, non-resident members $4.00 to $10.00; affiliation fees, from $1.00 to $8.00.

The amount expended for benevolence amounted to $1,424.25—$443.37 contributed by the various Lodges, and $980.88 received from Grand Lodge. Four Lodges received assistance from that source.

The only Lodge Secretary bonded is that of the youngest Lodge in the District, Manitouwapa No. 156.

The District Meeting was held at Selkirk on October 7th, 1943. Every Lodge in the District was represented, the attendance being 6 W.M.'s, 10 W.'s, 33 P.M.'s, 18 M.M.'s and 10 visitors.

During the afternoon session the following Lodges presented written reports of their activities: Lisgar No. 2, Stonewall No. 12, Pine Falls No. 154, and Manitouwapa No. 156. All but one forwarded a report at a later date.

Apparently the letter of July 7th from the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry was misunderstood by the responsible officers of the majority of the Lodges, as they disregarded the suggestions contained therein. This was unfortunate, as no good point was served by sending in a statistical report which is only a duplication of what goes direct to Grand Lodge.

I would not dwell on the District Meeting, as we were favored on that occasion by your presence; also because our District Secretary forwarded a complete report to you and to every Lodge in the District. Suffice it to say that a truly Masonic atmosphere was in evidence at the meeting, including the banquet, which was so well arranged by Bro. Baxwell, Junior Warden of Lisgar No. 2.

A few items of interest to the District are as follows:

Stonewall No. 12 changed their meeting date so that they could exchange visits with Lisgar No. 2.

Manitouwapa has organized Study Clubs in the various towns along the railway.

Transcona No. 123 celebrated thirty years of service to that community.

Lisgar Lodge No. 2 had the satisfaction of burning their mortgage. The invited guests were the Most Worshipful Grand Master, together with the Masters and Wardens of Districts No. 1 and No. 10. Over one hundred were in attendance.

All the Lodges of District No. 10 are now financially solvent; in fact, a number have considerable surplus money invested.

It is gratifying to know that the members of District No. 10 have been doing their part to further the cause of Freedom and Justice by joining in the service of the King, by enlistments of sons and daughters in the Armed Forces, and by supporting the Red Cross and by buying war bonds and in every way doing their part as citizens of the Empire.

Information regarding Degree Work, Lodge attendance, etc., has been forwarded to the Grand Secretary on Form No. 20 and No. 21, and is also on file with the District Secretary.

To the members of District No. 10, it has been a pleasure to have been your servant as D.D.G.M. I only hope that I have been of some small service to the Craft.

In conclusion, I wish to express my gratitude to all who gave me their valuable advice and assistance. Any success on my part was largely due to the help received from the members at large, and which was so freely given.

Fraternally submitted,

R. M. MUCKLE,
D.D.G.M., Tenth Masonic District.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

Herewith I beg to submit my report of the activities of the District for the year 1943-44.

It was with feelings of sincere gratitude and hope that I entered upon the duties of this Office; gratitude for the confidence which my Brethren of the Twelfth District placed in my ability to discharge the duties of the Office, and your concurrence in my election; hope that I might receive spiritual guidance in the performance of my duties, so as to be able in some small measure to advance the cause of Freemasonry and increase the interest of my Brethren in its principles and activities.

My first visits were in your company to the Annual Meetings of the Third Masonic District at Elm Creek on July 28th, and the Eighth District at Morris on September 24th. I was very much impressed with the keen interest of the Masons in these rural districts, as evidenced by the large attendance at both of these meetings Later it was my privilege to attend with you the meetings of the Tenth District at Selkirk and the First District at Winnipeg. My itinerary of official visits in my own District began with my visit to Capitol Lodge on October 1st, followed by visits to:

October 11th	Sturgeon Creek Lodge
October 15th	Fidelity Lodge
November 10th	Lord Selkirk Lodge
January 4th	Fort Osborne Lodge
January 14th	Tuscan Lodge
October 13th	Fort Garry Lodge
October 28th	Mount Sinai Lodge
November 19th	Beaver Lodge
January 10th	Windsor Lodge
January 20th	Meridian Lodge

In conformity with your wishes these official visits were arranged so that I might witness Degree Work in each Lodge. This was done in every case except Fort Osborne Lodge, which I visited at a later date to witness a Degree conferred. Feeling, as I did, a keen interest in the welfare and activities of each Lodge in my District, I continued to visit them all throughout the year. I have already given you a detailed report of my official visit to each Lodge, so that I need not dwell further on that phase of my work in this report. May I just say that I was received in each Lodge as your special representative with due courtesy and sincere cordiality, evidence of the esteem of the Brethren for their Grand Master.

Several outstanding meetings were held in my District this year; notable among them were the 21st Anniversary Meetings of Meridian and Tuscan Lodges, the former held on October 21st and the latter on April 14th. Our own District Meeting was held on February 5th, with a splendid attendance of 202, made up of 132 members of the District and 70 visitors. The Annual Church Service of the Twelfth District, held at St. Paul's Church on April 23rd, was a notable gathering of Masons. Our Senior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. Peter Pilkey, delivered an inspiring sermon to a capacity audience. The large attendance at both of these District Meetings proved beyond doubt that the Masons of this District are as much interested in Masonry in general as in their own individual Lodges.

I come now to an experiment which I initiated this year, having as its objective a closer association and fellowship between Lodges and their Masters. Immediately after their installation in December, I called the new Masters of the District together for a dinner meeting. This was held on January 5th, and might be called an organization meeting.

Plans for the coming District Meeting were discussed quite fully. The Masters were heartily in accord with the idea of continuing these meetings each month, so we decided to set aside the last Monday of each month as the date for our dinner meeting, to be followed by a general discussion of Lodge and District affairs. I believe that every Master in my District has looked forward with pleasurable anticipation to each dinner meeting. I am sure the Masters will prevail upon my successor to continue this practice. I have suggested to them that during the Fall months of November and December, at least, that the group be enlarged by the inclusion of the Senior Wardens of each Lodge, so that the membership of the group may overlap, and thus the general procedure carried on without interruption.

Any matter of interest to one or all of the Lodges in the District are brought forth and discussed freely at these meetings, with the result that closer co-operation between Lodges and their Masters develops. The Masters, too, get to know each other much more intimately and become closer bound together in Masonic fellowship. After some discussion it was decided that the Sitting Masters should visit one Lodge a month in the District and assist the Master of that Lodge with his Degree Work. In February we visited Sturgeon Creek Lodge, where at least four Masters assisted in the work of the Degree being conferred. In March we visited Fidelity Lodge; in April, Beaver Lodge, and in May, Windsor Lodge. In each case visiting Masters took part in the Degree Work. I have suggested to the Masters that next Fall they explore the idea of holding a special District Meeting, under special dispensation, specifically for the purpose of conferring some Degree on a class of candidates taken from four or five Lodges in the District. The District Deputy Grand Master should take the I.P.M. chair and the Sitting Masters should occupy the chairs of the Officers from the Master on down. They would open the District Meeting in full form, confer the Degree and close, just as they would at an emergent meeting of a Lodge called for conferring Degrees. Such an experiment should prove to be a Masonic stimulant, and should draw a capacity audience.

Our group has sponsored many notices of motion coming up for consideration at this session of Grand Lodge. These are the outcome of discussions held at our dinner meetings.

Most Worshipful Sir, it has been for me a valuable experience to act as your Deputy in the Twelfth District this year. Our District is the youngest in this Grand Jurisdiction, the oldest Lodge, Fort Garry being only about twenty-three years old. The majority of Masons in all the Lodges of the District are young men. All the candidates taken into these Lodges this year are a fine type of young men, who are keenly alive and eager to absorb Masonic knowledge and put it to practical use. Therefore I believe it is very important that these Lodges be given intelligent and experienced leadership, for thus they become leaders in the Craft in Manitoba.

I wish to thank the District Officers who supported me so generously, particularly W. Bro. Angus MacDonald, who did a splendid job as District Secretary. The 1943 Masters who adopted me as their D.D.G.M., I want to thank for their co-operation in attending me on official visits. The 1944 Masters who took over in January have proven worthy of the trust placed in them. There is no younger or more enthusiastic group of Sitting Masters to be found in Manitoba than those holding office in the Twelfth District this year. I have come to love and respect them for their fine qualities of character and high Masonic ideals. Officially I shall miss their companionship; personally I hope never to lose their friendship.

Most Worshipful Sir, I thank you, too, for the kindly interest you have taken in my stewardship, and the friendly advice you have so freely given. This concludes my report of the year's activities.

Fraternally submitted,

DAVID GRIFFITH,
D.D.G.M., Twelfth Masonic District.

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT ON FLIN FLON AND THE PAS LODGES

I visited Flin Flon Lodge No. 153 on September 28th, 1943, and wish to report that Flin Flon Lodge is one of the most active and progressive Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction. The members are of an average age, which is apparently below the average of most other Lodges, which results in greater energy and activity in Flin Flon Lodge.

A fine feeling of brotherhood exists. The work of the Lodge is done with accuracy and precision. The hospitality extended to the Grand Master and his party could not have been more cordial, and not only bears out but adds to the reputation of this Lodge in this regard.

I beg to report, too, on The Pas Lodge, which I visited on September 30th, 1943. This Lodge has suffered from the fact that many of its members are now non-resident, and that the resident members are amongst the older members.

The absence of the Senior Warden and the Junior Warden, both of whom left the District, is a serious handicap.

The Worshipful Master and his Junior Officers, with the assistance of skilled Past Masters, are carrying on their work with commendable spirit.

With the advice of a number of the Past Masters of this Lodge, the Grand Master proposes to confer the rank of Honorary, Past District Deputy Grand Master on W. Bro. C. J. McLeod, who is proving himself a pillar of strength and wisdom in The Pas Lodge.

BEN C. PARKER,
Grand Master.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS ELECTED AND APPOINTED FOR 1944-45

Grand Master	M.W. Bro. Samuel Burland (12)	St. Vital
Deputy Grand Master	R.W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey (25)	Winnipeg
Senior Grand Warden	R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (113)	Brandon
Junior Grand Warden	R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138)	St. Vital
Grand Treasurer	R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3)	Winnipeg
Grand Secretary	R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell (114)	Winnipeg

Grand Chaplain	R.W. Bro. H. B. Wallace (6)	Emerson
Grand Historian	M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4)	Winnipeg
G. D. of Ceremonies	R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman (93)	Winnipeg
Grand Librarian	R.W. Bro. Rev. C. E. Somerset (3)	Selkirk
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DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

William Fenwick

Initiated in Ionic Lodge No. 229, G.R.C. (in Ontario), on November 16th, 1881. Passed December 14th, 1881, and Raised on February 1st, 1882. On moving to Manitoba he joined Marquette Lodge No. 7, G.R.M., A.F. & A.M., joined Brandon Lodge No. 19 in 1892 and was a charter member and first Master of Composite Lodge No. 64, at Alexander. In 1913 he joined Tweed Lodge No. 113, at Brandon, and was Secretary of that Lodge from December 27th, 1913, until his death. He was a member of Keystone Chapter, and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, was the first T.P.G.M. of Brandon Lodge of Perfection and the first M.W.S. of Brandon Chapter of Rose Croix. He was made an Honorary Inspector General 33rd Degree in 1923.

District Deputy Grand Master, 1898
Senior Grand Warden, 1900
Deputy Grand Master, 1914
Grand Master, 1915

Born in	Died in
Coleraine, Ontario	Brandon, Manitoba
November 20th, 1856	May 15th, 1944

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

Edward L. McDonald

District Deputy Grand Master, 1912
DIED
February 10th, 1943

George F. Earle

Senior Grand Deacon, 1917
District Deputy Grand Master, 1921
DIED
April 22nd, 1943

Norman E. Johnston

District Deputy Grand Master, 1914
DIED
May, 1943

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY

OF

James McIntosh

District Deputy Grand Master, 1907

DIED

July 26th, 1943

Edward G. Hunt

District Deputy Grand Master, 1921

DIED

October 13th, 1943

Sidney F. Groome

District Deputy Grand Master, 1936

DIED

December 5th, 1943

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

Sidney A. Wood

District Deputy Grand Master, 1936
DIED
December 10th, 1943

Alexander Mowatt

Grand Organist, 1938
DIED
September 6th, 1943

Col. John F. Mitchell

Senior Grand Deacon, 1905
DIED
October 6th, 1943

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OF THE BELOVED BRETHREN WHO ARE
At Rest

Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Brown, W. A.	Jan. 7th, 1943	Prince Rupert's	1
Down, C. F.	Jan. 19th, 1943	Prince Rupert's	1
Stuart, J. F.	Jan. 23rd, 1943	Prince Rupert's	1
Scott, D. A.	Mar. 21st, 1943	Prince Rupert's	1
Gerhardt, H. W.	May 2nd, 1943	Prince Rupert's	1
McLean, R. J.	May 26th, 1943	Prince Rupert's	1
Bolton, G. R.	Oct. 18th, 1943	Prince Rupert's	1
Moncrieff, M.	Feb. 12th, 1943	Lisgar	2
Johnson, J. B. (Killed in action)	June 25th, 1943	Lisgar	2
McIntosh, A. H.	Jan. 7th, 1943	Ancient Landmark	3
Snarey, L. D.	Mar. 8th, 1943	Ancient Landmark	3
Sproule, N. C.	May 15th, 1943	Ancient Landmark	3
Babbitt, C. E.	June 24th, 1943	Ancient Landmark	3
Calder, L. G.	June, 1943	Ancient Landmark	3
Armytage, J. C.	Aug. 7th, 1943	Ancient Landmark	3
Hill, W. J.	Aug. 25th, 1943	Ancient Landmark	3
Thurman, T. C.	Aug. 27th, 1943	Ancient Landmark	3
MacDougall, A.	Sept. 21st, 1943	Ancient Landmark	3
Hunt, E. G.	Oct. 13th, 1943	Ancient Landmark	3
King, Jas.	Oct. 14th, 1943	Ancient Landmark	3
Waugh, W. J. S.	Nov. 13th, 1943	Ancient Landmark	3
Nesbitt, G. H.	Feb. 17th, 1943	St. John's	4
Fyfe, Jas.	May 24th, 1943	St. John's	4
Cockburn, G. D.	May 27th, 1943	St. John's	4
Watts, G. A. C.	June 3rd, 1943	St. John's	4
McLachlan, C. R.	July 5th, 1943	St. John's	4
McKay, Alex.	July 16th, 1943	St. John's	4
Owens, J. P.	July 25th, 1943	St. John's	4
Easton, D. W.	Nov. 23rd, 1943	St. John's	4
Taylor, Thos.	Nov. 23rd, 1943	St. John's	4
McFarlane, A.	Nov. 29th, 1943	St. John's	4
McCallum, J.	Dec. 29th, 1943	St. John's	4
Troop, W. J.	Mar. 9th, 1943	Assiniboine	7
Hunter, D.	Mar. 16th, 1943	Assiniboine	7

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
McCartney, J. S.	June 9th, 1943	Assiniboine	7
Ness, Jas.	July 7th, 1943	Assiniboine	7
Cooper, A. J.	Nov. 11th, 1943	Assiniboine	7
Lachlan, R. R.	Feb. 8th, 1943	King Solomon	8
Smith, G. W.	Jan. 18th, 1943	Northern Light	10
Graham, Rev. Wm.	Mar. 31st, 1943	Northern Light	10
Muir, A. J.	April 26th, 1943	Northern Light	10
Pratt, F. J.	May 9th, 1943	Northern Light	10
West, Jno.	July 4th, 1943	Gladstone	11
Stratton, Ira	April 12th, 1943	Stonewall	12
Whish, A. E.	Sept. 15th, 1943	Stonewall	12
Groome, S. F.	Dec. 5th, 1943	Stonewall	12
Currie, W. W.	Mar. 6th, 1943	Corinthian	15
Sample, J. A.	Mar. 23rd, 1943	Corinthian	15
Beattie, C. M.	Oct. 6th, 1943	Corinthian	15
Jacobs, E. W.	Jan. 10th, 1943	Brandon	19
Laird, Wm.	Jan. 16th, 1943	Brandon	19
Wellwood, R. G.	Jan. 26th, 1943	Brandon	19
Cooke, E. W.	April 6th, 1943	Brandon	19
Bates, W. H.	May 5th, 1943	Brandon	19
Johnston, N. E.	May, 1943	Brandon	19
Mowat, A.	Sept. 6th, 1943	Brandon	19
Webb, Wm.	Oct. 1943	Brandon	19
Campbell, A. F.	Dec. 1943	Brandon	19
Pascoe, J.	Dec. 21st, 1943	Brandon	19
Ritchie, Hugh	May 17th, 1943	Neepawa	24
McIntosh, Jas.	July 26th, 1943	Neepawa	24
Halbkirk, R.	Aug. 19th, 1943	Neepawa	24
Hanson, N. M.	Aug. 28th, 1943	Neepawa	24
Beale, Thos.	Sept. 7th, 1943	Neepawa	24
Overstreet, W. C.	Oct. 20th, 1943	Neepawa	24
Sharp, H.	Dec. 5th, 1943	Neepawa	24
Dunlop, J. A.	Feb. 1st, 1943	Ionic	25
Geddes, H. J.	Feb. 9th, 1943	Ionic	25
Trainer, F.	Feb. 20th, 1943	Ionic	25

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Kuppers, E. R.	Feb. 24th, 1943	Ionic	25
Cardno, F. W.	Feb. 24th, 1943	Ionic	25
Dixon, A.	Mar. 14th, 1943	Ionic	25
Scott, J. F.	Mar. 16th, 1943	Ionic	25
Boyd, W. J.	May 12th, 1943	Ionic	25
Young, W. A.	May 20th, 1943	Ionic	25
Duncan, G.	June 11th, 1943	Ionic	25
Mitchell, J. W.	Sept. 18th, 1943	Ionic	25
Mitchell, J. F.	Oct. 6th, 1943	Ionic	25
Jack, J. A.	Dec. 28th, 1943	Ionic	25
Humphries, F. U.	Dec. 29th, 1943	Ionic	25
Thompson, A.	June 20th, 1943	Glenwood	27
Elmhurst, R.	Mar. 17th, 1943	Carberry	29
Goggin, T.	Sept. 23rd, 1943	Carberry	29
Gibson, W. S.	Dec. 18th, 1943	Manitou	30
Littler, C. G. M.	Oct. 6th, 1943	Doric	36
Brodie, Thos.	Dec. 1943	Doric	36
Wilson, E. J.	Oct. 9th, 1943	Birtle	39
Hatch, G.	Oct. 21st, 1943	Birtle	39
Hawthorn, W. J.	Nov. 4th, 1943	Deloraine	40
Hawley, R. H.	Sept. 28th, 1943	Lebanon	43
McDougal, P.	Sept. 26th, 1943	Oak Lake	44
McCaskie, J.	Nov. 1st, 1943	Temple	49
Hay, Wm.	Dec. 22nd, 1943	Temple	49
Hamilton, D.	June 15th, 1943	Killarney	50
Shillington, E. A.	May 12th, 1943	Hartney	52
Glasgow, E. W.	June 14th, 1943	Hartney	52
Beaton, A. F. (Missing Overseas)	June 1st, 1943	Hartney	52
McClure, N.	Oct. 27th, 1943	Oriental	54
Vinnell, F.	Sept. 25th, 1943	Russell	62
Rea, C.	Nov. 29th, 1943	Russell	62
Fairfax, W. H.	Jan. 10th, 1943	Holland	63

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Hillis, R.	May 6th, 1943	Holland	63
Jamieson, D.	June 22nd, 1943	Holland	63
McDonald, E. L.	Feb. 10th, 1943	Wawanesa	67
Cornell, J.	July 8th, 1943	Wawanesa	67
Neeley, J. F.	Mar. 14th, 1943	Vermillion	68
Smith, R. M.	Oct. 29th, 1943	Vermillion	68
Bell, Wm.	Dec. 7th, 1943	Vermillion	68
McLean, F. J.	May 15th, 1943	Shiloh	70
Lytle, T. H.	July 1st, 1943	Shiloh	70
Denson, F.	Sept. 1943	Shiloh	70
Earle, G. T.	Apr. 22nd, 1943	Elkhorn	74
Wicklund, J. E.	June 17th, 1943	Gothic	75
Newbery, F. T.	Mar. 5th, 1943	Napinka	77
Tufts, R. V.	Oct. 17th, 1943	Napinka	77
Melia, Wm.	June 17th, 1943	Elgin	86
Turnbull, A.	Aug. 18th, 1943	Rathwell	87
Devins, W. J.	June 4th, 1943	Midlothian	90
Clawson, D. V.	Feb. 18th, 1943	King Edward	93
Crone, F. E.	Mar. 1st, 1943	King Edward	93
Palmer, W. J.	Mar. 13th, 1943	King Edward	93
Turnbull, H. S.	May 15th, 1943	King Edward	93
Anderson, W. T.	June 28th, 1943	King Edward	93
Julian, H. H.	Aug. 18th, 1943	King Edward	93
Anthony, A. E.	Sept. 22nd, 1943	King Edward	93
Smith, C. W.	Dec. 13th, 1943	King Edward	93
Shaw, G. M.	May 3rd, 1943	Binscarth	101
Turnbull, J. N. R.	Oct. 22nd, 1943	Binscarth	101
Torrance, C. W.	Oct. 29th, 1943	Binscarth	101
Arbuckle, S.	Dec. 21st, 1943	Binscarth	101
Dorward, W. T.	Jan. 20th, 1943	Miniota	102
Allward, G. E.	Mar. 12th, 1943	Crescent	103
Ross, Jas.	April 9th, 1943	Crescent	103
Donald, J. S.	Dec. 27th, 1943	Reston	104
Pattison, W. E.	Jan. 9th, 1943	Prince Arthur	105

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Boyle, Jas.	Feb. 7th, 1943	Prince Arthur	105
Walker, L. J.	May 11th, 1943	Prince Arthur	105
Baudin, D. E.	May 23rd, 1943	Prince Arthur	105
Stuart, W. G.	Dec. 1943	Prince Arthur	105
Tweedie, J.	April 28th, 1943	Union	108
Walton, J.	Feb. 16th, 1943	Acacia	111
Thompson, C. H.	April 17th, 1943	Acacia	111
Stambler, Geo.	June 26th, 1943	Acacia	111
Rawson, W. B.	Nov. 12th, 1943	Acacia	111
Watson, J.	Feb. 12th, 1943	Ophir	112
Huntley, G. M.	June 4th, 1943	Ophir	112
Johnston, G. F.	June 10th, 1943	Tweed	113
Hanna, A. E.	June 24th, 1943	“The Assiniboine”	114
Gladstone, A.	June 28th, 1943	“The Assiniboine”	114
Davidson, Dr. A. J.	Aug. 13th, 1943	“The Assiniboine”	114
Stevenson, Col. H. I.	Sept. 1st, 1943	“The Assiniboine”	114
Jordon, E. J.	Dec. 9th, 1943	“The Assiniboine”	114
Tisdale, F. W.	Dec. 12th, 1943	“The Assiniboine”	114
Fletcher, Dr. R. D.	Dec. 14th, 1943	“The Assiniboine”	114
Kennedy, W. G.	June 8th, 1943	St. Andrew’s	116
Kerr, J. C.	Oct. 3rd, 1943	Strathcona	117
Mowat, Wm.	Nov. 19th, 1943	Strathcona	117
Carson, C. D.	June 23rd, 1943	Norwood	119
McLean, Wm.	Aug. 28th, 1943	Norwood	119
Goddard, F. G.	Oct. 9th, 1943	Norwood	119
Casson, J.	Jan. 27th, 1943	Penza	120
Baskerville, J. H.	April 15th, 1943	Penza	120
Scott, J. C.	Oct. 19th, 1943	Penza	120
Turner, R.	Feb. 2nd, 1943	St. James	121
Winnett, L.	Mar. 13th, 1943	St. James	121
Canning, J.	Sept. 8th, 1943	St. James	121
Pearse, E.	Nov. 11th, 1943	St. James	121
Wright, S. M.	Dec. 15th, 1943	St. James	121
Barber, C. D. G.	Aug. 1943	Roblin	122

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Cameron, J.	Oct. 1st, 1943	Transcona	123
Evans, R. E.	June 8th, 1943	Favel	126
Pasikov, M.	Feb. 26th, 1943	Empire	127
Sanders, G.	June 11th, 1943	Empire	127
Tagg, J.	Sept. 22nd, 1943	Empire	127
Herd, J. W.	Sept. 8th, 1943	Victory	128
Wishart, G. R.	Sept. 26th, 1943	Shellmouth	129
Cochrane, T. S.	Feb. 21st, 1943	Fort Garry	130
Folliott, C. W.	Mar. 13th, 1943	Fort Garry	130
Phillips, A. E.	June 3rd, 1943	Fort Garry	130
Brownlee, E. J.	June 4th, 1943	Fort Garry	130
Thorne, A. J.	Aug. 8th, 1943	Fort Garry	130
Gronow, A. G.	Nov. 24th, 1943	Fort Garry	130
Forbes, R. A.	April 11th, 1943	Kildonan	131
Tiemroth, Otto	Sept. 23rd, 1943	Stony Mountain	134
Perley, N. W.	Mar. 1943	Capitol	136
Robinson, A.	Aug. 17th, 1943	Capitol	136
Thomas, L. W.	June 10th, 1943	Windsor	138
Herling, J. E.	Oct. 20th, 1943	Windsor	138
Miller, Rev. J. S.	May 8th, 1943	Beaver	139
McMahon, C.	July 10th, 1943	Beaver	139
Patterson, W. J.	June 30th, 1943	Meridian	140
Lewey, E. C.	May 5th, 1943	Meridian	140
Nichols, R. L.	May 1st, 1943	Fort Osborne	144
Schack, C. C.	Nov. 18th, 1943	Fort Osborne	144
Wood, S. A.	Dec. 10th, 1943	Fort Osborne	144
Creed, A. W.	April 3rd, 1943	Sturgeon Creek	145
Luetchford, W. G. (R.C.A.F.—Reported dead)	1943	Sturgeon Creek	145
Kerr, W. R.	May 17th, 1943	Fidelity	146
Burnside, D. G. D.	Sept. 3rd, 1943	Fidelity	146
Flanigan, G. H.	Oct. 31st, 1943	Fidelity	146
Moulden, H. F.	Dec. 17th, 1943	Fidelity	146

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Rutledge, A. W.	May 13th, 1943	Jubilee	147
Fargey, M. R.	Sept. 1st, 1943	Jubilee	147
McLean, J. A.	April 10th, 1943	Seven Oaks	148
Hinds, A. E.	May 17th, 1943	The Dormer	151
Morris, W. J.	May 27th, 1943	Foxwarren	152
Alsop, S.	April 28th, 1943	Pine Falls	154
Ryall, E. J.	Sept. 3rd, 1943	Carman	155

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Empey, C. O.	Sept. 21st, 1943	Prince Rupert's	1
Ballard, W.	Nov. 16th, 1943	Prince Rupert's	1
Campbell, W. G.	Jan. 18th, 1943	Lisgar	2
Furguson, T. K.	May 18th, 1943	Lisgar	2
Johnston, A. I.	May 18th, 1943	Lisgar	2
Lawson, H. R.	Mar. 1939	Lisgar	2
Patterson, D.	Oct. 18th, 1943	Lisgar	2
McDonald, M.	May 5th, 1943	St. John's	4
Hutchings, G. H.	Mar. 15th, 1943	Assiniboine	7
Peden, Wm.	Nov. 15th, 1943	Assiniboine	7
Robertson, J. C.	Dec. 20th, 1943	Assiniboine	7
Lee, H. C.	Dec. 31st, 1943	Assiniboine	7
Madill, T. A.	Dec. 31st, 1943	Assiniboine	7
Robertson, G. H.	June 8th, 1943	Brandon	19
Kerr, J. C.	Nov. 9th, 1943	Brandon	19
Balsdon, L. E.	Dec. 14th, 1943	Brandon	19
Schachter, R.	Dec. 14th, 1943	Brandon	19
Younger, K. H.	Dec. 14th, 1943	Brandon	19
Hamilton, I. W.	June 18th, 1943	Neepawa	24
Blanchard, C.	Dec. 31st, 1943	Ionic	25
Darling, Jno.	Jan. 22nd, 1943	Glenwood	27
Harris, B. J.	Nov. 26th,1943	Glenwood	27
McCulloch, G.	Nov. 26th,1943	Glenwood	27
Walker, R. H.	Jan. 19th, 1943	Carberry	29
Follett, R. A. S.	Nov. 17th, 1943	Manitou	30
Moore, C. H.	Dec. 27th, 1943	Doric	36
Fjeldsted, Dr. F.	April 20th, 1943	Birtle	39
Lougheed, W.	Dec. 7th, 1943	Birtle	39
Watson, M. S.	Nov. 17th, 1943	Deloraine	40
Hay, A. A.	Dec. 15th, 1943	Deloraine	40
McKinnon, A. F.	Jan. 5th, 1943	Lebanon	43
Homuth, E. B.	Dec. 7th, 1943	Lebanon	43
Goodman, S. O.	Mar. 9th, 1943	Glenboro	48
Marshall, S. G.	Dec. 21st, 1943	Temple	49
Lowe, Ray	Mar. 15th, 1943	Killarney	50
Baldwin, W. H.	Oct. 18th, 1943	Killarney	50
Morton, D. S.	Nov. 5th, 1943	Treherne	51
Spinks, W. H.	Dec. 10th, 1943	Treherne	51
Render, E. M.	Mar. 2nd, 1943	Hartney	52

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Hewitt, H. A.	Sept. 7th, 1943	Hartney	52
Gibson, H. B.	Dec. 20th, 1943	Oriental	54
Breton, W. H.	Nov. 11th, 1943	Russell	62
Thoms, S.	Jan. 3rd, 1943	Holland	63
Dack, S. G.	Nov. 10th, 1943	Holland	63
Broad, R. E.	Oct. 3rd, 1943	Vermillion	68
Buchanan, J. D.	Nov. 2nd, 1943	Vermillion	68
McLeod, N.	Nov. 10th, 1943	Vermillion	68
Morrison, Jas.	Dec. 8th, 1943	Crystal	71
Somerville, L. R.	Dec. 8th, 1943	Crystal	71
Adams, W. Q.	Dec. 14th, 1943	Crystal	71
Dunbar, S.	Nov. 22nd, 1943	Elkhorn	74
Stone, M. E.	Dec. 27th, 1943	Elkhorn	74
Cann, H.	Nov. 10th, 1943	Gothic	75
Boyd, S. F.	Dec. 8th, 1943	Gothic	75
Jack, A.	Nov. 4th, 1943	Napinka	77
Beecher, R. E.	June 10th, 1943	Cypress	82
Johnston, S.	June 10th, 1943	Cypress	82
Wood, W. R.	July 10th, 1943	Cypress	82
Herr, W. F.	May 17th, 1943	Midlothian	90
Jack, W. J.	Dec. 20th, 1943	Midlothian	90
Brooks, W. C.	April 14th, 1943	Shoal Lake	92
Chute, Chas.	Feb. 17th, 1943	King Edward	93
Dickson, Rev. H.	Sept. 1st, 1943	Robbie Burns	100
Kines, J.	Dec. 31st, 1943	Robbie Burns	100
Morrison, D.	May 18th, 1943	Binscarth	101
Gammon, M.	Dec. 23rd, 1943	Miniota	102
Watts, W. G. L.	Dec. 23rd, 1943	Miniota	102
Mularky, J. L.	Jan. 14th, 1943	Reston	104
Giles, J. R.	Dec. 9th, 1943	Reston	104
Neil, H.	Dec. 9th, 1943	Reston	104
Somerville, J.	Dec. 3rd, 1943	Prince Arthur	105
Taylor, R. L.	Nov. 9th, 1943	Strathclair	106
Harper, C. W.	Nov. 4th, 1943	Union	108
Couch, G. G.	Nov. 10th, 1943	Swan Lake	109
Fraser, Jno.	Dec. 13th, 1943	Swan Lake	109
Griffin, A.	Nov. 5th, 1943	Ophir	112
Cooke, E. L.	Dec. 3rd, 1943	Ophir	112
Gunn, W. G.	Dec. 3rd, 1943	Ophir	112

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Moore, C.	Oct. 19th, 1943	Tweed	113
Hutton, J. A.	Dec. 21st, 1943	Tweed	113
Carry, C. W.	April 6th, 1943	"The Assiniboine"	114
Bonar, A. A.	Nov. 2nd, 1943	"The Assiniboine"	114
Service, H. F.	Dec. 7th, 1943	"The Assiniboine"	114
Sargent, R. W.	Jan. 25th, 1943	Rivers	115
Ray, H. C.	Nov. 1943	Rivers	115
Wilson, G. H.	April 8th, 1943	Norwood	119
Keddie, M. D.	Oct. 7th, 1943	The Pas	124
Hagarty, R. B.	Dec. 2nd, 1943	The Pas	124
Smith, Wm.	Nov. 8th. 1943	Empire	127
Baird, S.	Nov. 8th. 1943	Empire	127
Caswell, E.	Dec. 13th, 1943	Empire	127
Newcombe, C. R.	Feb. 17th, 1943	Victory	128
Barron, F. W.	Nov. 13th, 1943	Fort Garry	130
Parker, A. D.	Mar. 10th, 1943	Sprague	132
Rankin, A. M.	June 10th, 1943	McCreary	133
Mitchell, A.	Nov. 5th, 1943	Capitol	136
Ellerman, F. W.	Dec. 3rd, 1943	Capitol	136
Hudson, J. A.	Dec. 8th, 1943	Lord Selkirk	137
Trueman, M.	Dec. 13th, 1943	Lord Selkirk	137
Cameron, H. D.	Mar. 8th, 1943	Windsor	138
McAuley, R. F.	May 10th, 1943	Windsor	138
Scott, J.	Sept. 13th, 1943	Windsor	138
Benson, W.	Oct. 18th, 1943	Windsor	138
Symes, H. G.	Dec. 13th, 1943	Windsor	138
Lloyd, E. J.	Dec. 30th, 1943	Windsor	138
Wilson, J. M. F.	Dec. 30th, 1943	Windsor	138
West, R. G.	Dec. 9th, 1943	Beaver	139
Morrice, A.	Dec. 31st, 1943	Meridian	140
Dilley, C.	Dec. 31st, 1943	Tuscan	141
Hurwitz, R.	Dec. 31st, 1943	Tuscan	141
South, C. G.	Dec. 31st, 1943	Tuscan	141
Levinson, J. L.	Jan. 28th, 1943	Mt. Sinai	143
Thurlbeck, J. H.	Oct. 5th, 1943	Fort Osborne	144
Hardy, C. H.	Dec. 31st, 1943	Fidelity	146
French, A. C.	Jan. 1st, 1943	Pine Falls	154
Manning, A. J.	Dec. 21st, 1943	Carman	155
Zutz, Wm.	1943	Manitouwapa	156

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When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1875	*Rev. W. C. Clarke	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy	*Jas. Henderson	*S. L. Bedson	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*John H. Bell	*H. T. Champion	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1876	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy	*Jas Henderson	*S. L. Bedson	*G. F. Newcomb	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Jno. W. Harris	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1877	*G. F. Newcomb	*Jas Henderson	*Jno. W. Harris	*E. G. Conklin	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson
1878	*G. F. Newcomb	*Jno. W. Harris	*Simon Duffin	*F. T. Bradley	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1879	*Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson	*Jno. W. Harris	*Simon Duffin	*R. McCuaig	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*James Munroe	*Rev. James Flett
1880	*John H. Bell	*E. G. Conklin	*Hon. G. McMicken	*J. M. McGregor	†J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1881	*John H. Bell	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. B. Murray	*C. F. Forrest	†J. J. Johnston	*Jas. Henderson	*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1882	*John H. Bell	*Wm. G. Scott	*Alfred Pearson	*C. F. Forrest	†J. J. Johnston		*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1883	*John H. Bell	*D. B. Murray	*R McCuaig	†John Smith	†J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. Young	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1884	*John H. Bell	*C. F. Forrest	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood	†N. J. Lindsay	†J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	†Wm. Simpson	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1885	*C. F. Forrest	*Alfred Pearson	*Peter McGregor	†Thos. Colins	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. W. H. Wilson	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood
1886	*Alfred Pearson	*Peter McGregor	*J. W. H. Wilson	*J. K. Brydon	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Wm. G. Bell	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1887	*Thomas Clark	†John A. Kerr	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Jas. S. Greig	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1888	*Thomas Clark	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	R. C. Brown	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†Joseph Daniel	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1889	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara	*Wm. G. Bell	*Thos. L. Morton	†Thos. McPherson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*James A. Payne	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding
1890	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	†Thos. McPherson	*Fred L. Newman	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*R. W. Woodroofe	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding
1891	*Wm. G. Bell	*J. W. H. Wilson	*Rich'd D. Foley	*John Leslie	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*James G. Dagg	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1892	*J. W. H. Wilson	*D. J. Goggin	*F. G. Lewin	*Thos. Robinson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Wm. A. Windatt	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1893	*D. J. Goggin	*Thos. Robinson	*Thomas Tweed	*Corbet Locke	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. H. Munson	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1894	*Thomas Tweed	*Charles N. Bell	*Corbet Locke	*Hugh U. Bain	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	‡Rev. A. W. F. Cooper	*Rev. C. B. Pitblado

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When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1895	*Charles N. Bell	*Corbet Locke	*John Leslie	*Geo. B. Murphy	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*John Chambers	*Rev. C. B. Pitblado
1896	*Corbet Locke	*John Leslie	*Fred L. Newman	†F. T. English	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†C. N. Mitchell	Rev. J. W. Matheson
1897	*Thomas Robinson	*Geo. B. Murphy	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton	†Wm. Crawford	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. O. Smith	*Rev. A. Chisholm
1898	*Geo. B. Murphy	*H. J. Eberts	*R. S. Thornton	*Wm. A. Windatt	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†Edgar W. Rugg	†Rev. C. R. Littler
1899	*John Leslie	*R. S. Thornton	*W. A. Windatt	*S. B. Jamieson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†J. A. Sutherland	†Rev. J. W. Muirhead
1900	*R. S. Thornton	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton	*Wm. Fenwick	*R. Hill Myers	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	†E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. B. Baird
1901	*R. S. Thornton	*R. Hill Myers	†E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*James M. Suttie	*Rev. A. B. Baird
1902	*R. Hill Myers	†E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Geo. W. Baker	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	†Geo. H. Webster	†Rev. Geo. H. Webb
1903	†E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Wm. G. Scott	*H. H. Campkin	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*R. P. Crookshank	†Rev. Geo. H. Webb
1904	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Wm. G. Scott	*H. H. Campkin	†James Scroggie	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	†O. E. S. Whiteside	Rev. John Wells
1905	*Wm. G. Scott	*H. H. Campkin	†James Scroggie	*Henry J. Pugh	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*John R. Grant	†Rev. Geo. H. Hogbin
1906	*John McKechnie	†James Scroggie	*Henry J. Pugh	*James D. Baine	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Arthur H. Smith	*Rev. Jas. L. Gordon
1907	†James Scroggie	*Henry J. Pugh	*James D. Baine	*John Wemyss	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Robert Magness	*Rev. Jas. L. Gordon
1908	*Henry J. Pugh	*James D. Baine	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*A. N. Macpherson	Rev. Thos. Neville
1909	*James D. Baine	*Geo. W. Baker	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Joseph Greenfield	*Rev. Wm. Robertson
1910	*Geo. W. Baker	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	Ed. M. Walker	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Jas. E. Maynard	*Rev. Wm. Robertson
1911	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	Ed. M. Walker	*Lynds S. Vaughan	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*R. W. A. Rolph	Rev. Frederick W. Goodeve
1912	*Wm. Chambers	Ed. M. Walker	*Lynds S. Vaughan	Henry E. Bletcher	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*John Colwell	Rev. Frederick W. Goodeve
1913	Ed. M. Walker	*Lynds S. Vaughan	Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	Robert L. Ross	Rev. Sydney D. Thomas
1914	*Lynds S. Vaughan	*William Fenwick	Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*J. M. Robinson	*Rev. Peter E. Scott

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When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1915	*William Fenwick	Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	Ed. T. Greenway	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Jno. Macwhirter	*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1916	Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	Ed. T. Greenway	*Alex. McIntyre	*James G. Dagg	*James A. Ovas	C. F. Hasselfield	Rev. James S. Miller
1917	*Percy E. Kellett	Ed. T. Greenway	*Alex. McIntyre	Albert J. Hatcher	*James G. Dagg	*James A. Ovas	*Jno. J. Jackson	*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1918	Ed. T. Greenway	*Alex. McIntyre	Albert J. Hatcher	Geo. N. Jackson	*James G. Dagg	*James A. Ovas		*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1919	*Alex. McIntyre	Albert J. Hatcher	Geo. N. Jackson	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major	*James A. Ovas		Rev. James W. Anderson
1920	Albert J. Hatcher	Geo. N. Jackson	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major	Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas		Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1921	Geo. N. Jackson	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major	Jas. S. MacEwing	Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas		Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1922	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major	Jas. S. MacEwing	A. L. Crossin	Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas		Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1923	Wm. J. Major	Jas. S. MacEwing	Albert L. Crossin	*J. C. Walker Reid	Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas		†Rev. Wm. C. Cunningham
1924	Jas. S. MacEwing	Albert L. Crossin	*J. C. Walker Reid	Jabez Miller	James Mackie	*James A. Ovas		†Rev. Wm. C. Cunningham
1925	Albert L. Crossin	*J. C. Walker Reid	Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	James Mackie	*James A. Ovas		*Rev. Andrew T. Norquay
1926	*J. C. Walker Reid	Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas	James Mackie	*James A. Ovas		*Rev. Andrew T. Norquay
1927	Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas	George Hunter	James Mackie	*James A. Ovas		Rev. George W. Findlay
1928	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas	George Hunter	Norman J. Black	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas		Rev. George W. Findlay
1929	William Douglas	George Hunter	Norman J. Black	David S. Woods	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas		Rev. George W. Findlay
1930	George Hunter	Norman J. Black	David S. Woods	James Mackie	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas		Rev. G. A. Woodside
1931	Norman J. Black	David S. Woods	James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas		Rev. G. A. Woodside
1932	David S. Woods	James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph	Royal Burritt	Alex. Burgess	*James A. Ovas		Rt. Rev. W. W. H. Thomas
1933	James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph	Royal Burritt	Harry Woods	Alex. Burgess	*James A. Ovas		Rt. Rev. W. W. H. Thomas
1934	*Henry L. Adolph	Royal Burritt	Harry Woods	John T. Boyd	Alex. Burgess	*James A. Ovas		Rev. George R. Calvert

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1935	Royal Burritt ..	Harry Woods ...	John T. Boyd...	Robert Hawkins .	Alex. Burgess ...	J. H. G. Russell..	....	Rev. George R. Calvert
1936	Harry Woods ...	John T. Boyd...	Robert Hawkins .	W. D. Lawrence..	Alex. Burgess ...	J. H. G. Russell..	....	Rev. Thomas Neville
1937	John T. Boyd...	Robert Hawkins .	W. D. Lawrence..	J. J. Henderson.	Alex. Burgess ...	J. H. G. Russell..	....	Rev. Harry Sherstone
1938	Robert Hawkins..	W. D. Lawrence..	J. J. Henderson..	Rev. G. R. Calvert	Alex. Burgess ...	J. H. G. Russell..	....	Rev. Harry Sherstone
1939	W. D. Lawrence.	J. J. Henderson..	Rev. G. R. Calvert	S. H. Fahrni....	Alex. Burgess...	J. H. G. Russell..	....	Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1940	J. J. Henderson..	Rev. G. R. Calvert	S. H. Fahrni....	Ben C. Parker...	Alex. Burgess ...	J. H. G. Russell..	....	Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1941	Canon G. R. Calvert	S. H. Fahrni....	Ben C. Parker...	Sam Burland....	Alex. Burgess ...	J. H. G. Russell..	....	Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1942	S. H. Fahrni....	Ben C. Parker...	Sam Burland	Rev. P. T. Pilkey.	Alex Burgess	J. H. G. Russell..	....	Rev. J. L. McInnis
1943	Ben C. Parker....	Sam Burland ...	Rev. P. T. Pilkey.	M. S. Donovan...	Alex. Burgess ...	J. H. G. Russell..	....	Rev. J. L. McInnis
1944	Sam. Burland	Rev. Dr. P. T. Pilkey..	M. S. Donovan...	H. B. Donnelly..	Alex. Burgess....	J. H. G. Russell..	....	Rev. H. B. Wallace

* Dead † Removed from Jurisdiction

LODGE DIRECTORY

No.	Name of Lodge	P.O. Address	Master	Secretary	Time of Regular Meeting
1	Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg	H. S. Cameron	G. G. Teeter	Third Tuesday
2	Lisgar	Selkirk	John Norquay	John Veitch	Third Tuesday
3	Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg	D. D. Turner	W. F. Hutton	Third Monday
4	St. John's	Winnipeg	C. V. Antenbring	Jas. Mackie	First Wednesday
6	Emerson	Emerson	F. R. Cowdroy	Len. Beer	Third Thursday
7	Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie	D. W. Smith	R. A. Price	Third Monday
8	King Solomon	Morris	A. J. Sawatsky	O. B. Cossitt	Second Tuesday
10	Northern Light	Winnipeg	C. B. Howden	D. A. Ross	Third Thursday
11	Gladstone	Gladstone	Earl Stout	E. J. Cresswell	Second Monday
12	Stonewall	Stonewall	Oliver W. Guest	J. F. McPhedran	First Thursday
13	Morden	Morden	G. R. McCorquodale	M. Maclean	Third Thursday
14	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa	W. S. Hooper	P. C. Carlson	Second Thursday
15	Corinthian	Rapid City	W. N. Thompson	Arthur Dennis	First Tuesday
19	Brandon	Brandon	Gordon S. Jory	A. G. Warr	Second Tuesday
24	Neepawa	Neepawa	J. A. Davidson	Arthur Clark	Second Tuesday
25	Ionic	Winnipeg	Robt. T. Bell	M. Cobban	First Monday
27	Glenwood	Souris	O. Hoover	W. W. Coltman	Fourth Friday
29	Carberry	Carberry	H. A. Nelson	C. P. Rogers	Tuesday on or before full moon
30	Manitou	Manitou	W. J. Howe	Rev. J. W. Cruikshank	First Tuesday
36	Doric	Boissevain	O. L. Bain	B. Grant	Fourth Tuesday
39	Birtle	Birtle	W. B. Hawes	F. C. Barber	Tuesday on or before full moon
40	Deloraine	Deloraine	Peter O. Lee	Wm. Brown	Third Wednesday
43	Lebanon	Virden	J. A. Caw	W. L. Cann	First Tuesday
44	Oak Lake	Oak Lake	J. H. Wallace	R. F. Stevens	Second Thursday
48	Glenboro	Glenboro	W. S. Lockhart	A. S. Hames	Second Tuesday
49	Temple	Macgregor	Rev. L. J. Adams	H. I. Collins	Third Tuesday
50	Killarney	Killarney	W. J. Hellis	J. C. Bate	Third Monday
51	Treherne	Treherne	W. J. Robinson	J. G. Wiechman	Friday on or before full moon
52	Hartney	Hartney	R. J. Callander	J. A. Callander	First Tuesday
54	Oriental	Melita	H. L. Morrow	J. G. Cobb	First Thursday
55	East Star	Gretna	A. R. Dick	G. G. McEdward	Second Tuesday
62	Russell	Russell	Watt Broadfoot	C. E. Whitmer	Second Wednesday
63	Holland	Holland	C. Sundell	F. H. Dagg	Third Thursday
64	Composite	Alexander	W. J. Critchley	D. A. Nichol	Third Monday
67	Wawanesa	Wawanesa	J. D. Harrower	C. L. Atkinson	Monday on or before full moon

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No.	Name of Lodge	P.O. Address	Master	Secretary	Time of Regular Meeting
68	Vermillion	Dauphin	Jas. Anderson	H. D. Brewer (Actg.)	First Tuesday
70	Shiloh	Roland	A. E. Wakely	C. H. Glover	Second Thursday
71	Crystal	Crystal City	Wm. Norton	R. R. Livesley	Second Tuesday
74	Elkhorn	Elkhorn	H. L. McMillan	H. J. Jones	Fourth Monday
75	Gothic	Austin	Arthur Johnstone	F. J. Hall	Second Wednesday
77	Napinka	Napinka	J. A. Moffat	T. A. Taylor	First Thursday
82	Cypress	Cypress River	G. M. Sveinson	R. I. Connon	First Thursday
84	Hamiota	Hamiota	Wm. Dillon	E. P. Venables	Fourth Tuesday
86	Elgin	Elgin	Jas. McDole	E. J. Smillie	Second Tuesday
87	Rathwell	Rathwell	J. A. Delgaty	E. B. Litz (Actg.)	Tuesday on or before full moon
90	Midlothian	Miami	W. McCulloch	J. A. Kerr	Third Monday
92	Shoal Lake	Shoal Lake	C. W. McLean	C. H. Nixon	Second Wednesday
93	King Edward	Winnipeg	F. C. Davey	S. A. Restall	Third Wednesday
94	Hiram	Grandview	Neil Mills	J. E. Johnson	Third Thursday
100	Robbie Burns	Gilbert Plains	Chas. Shaw	M. D. Snyder	Second Wednesday
101	Binscarth	Binscarth	M. Waldman	M. E. Clegg	Third Monday
102	Miniota	Miniota	D. Cunningham	W. H. Yarwood	Fourth Thursday
103	Crescent	Elm Creek	Edwin Copley	R. A. Wood	First Wednesday
104	Reston	Reston	J. O. E. Mutter	A. K. Cates	Second Thursday
105	Prince Arthur	Swan River	A. E. Scrase	J. Livesey	First Thursday
106	Strathclair	Strathclair	Jas. M. Sinclair	H. W. Clark	Tuesday on or before full moon
107	Lansdowne	Griswold	M. R. Sutherland	J. G. McMillan	Fourth Wednesday
108	Union	Brookdale	R. H. Curll	W. H. Clegg	First Thursday
109	Swan Lake	Swan Lake	Hugh I. Skinner	G. O. Couch	Tuesday on or before full moon
110	Kilwinning	Minto	K. W. Sprott	Rev. J. B. Francis	Second Monday
111	Acacia	Winnipeg	J. R. Torbet	Wm. Dewar	Second Wednesday
112	Ophir	Beausejour	A. L. Oddleifson	Wm. Craik	First Friday
113	Tweed	Brandon	J. M. Buckham	Ed. Braun (Actg.)	Third Tuesday
114	"The Assiniboine"	Winnipeg	N. R. Nagle	O. E. MacQuoid	First Tuesday
115	Rivers	Rivers	Jas. Frame	R. G. Sinclair	Last Monday
116	St. Andrew's	Wellwood	S. L. Reidle	G. W. Wells	Monday on or after full moon
117	Strathcona	Belmont	E. A. Syms	H. E. Hopkins	Tuesday on or before full moon
118	Mound	Pilot Mound	J. N. McLean	R. E. Hicks	Fourth Thursday
119	Norwood	Norwood	J. S. Torell	W. M. Summers	Second Thursday
120	Penza	Dominion City	Edgar Snead	A. G. Froom	Fourth Tuesday

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No.	Name of Lodge	P.O. Address	Master	Secretary	Time of Regular Meeting
121	St. James	St. James	W. J. Boorman	Thos. King	Second Wednesday
122	Roblin	Roblin	J. B. Day	W. J. Westwood	Second Monday
123	Transcona	Transcona	L. E. Gendron	F. G. Turner	First Friday
124	The Pas	The Pas	Wm. A. Cox	G. A. Williams	First Wednesday
125	Patricia	Sperling	J. E. J. Tanner	O. R. Brown	First Wednesday
126	Favel	Minitonas	J. F. Dix	H. Laing	First Tuesday
127	Empire	Weston	H. F. Rees	Jas. Wardrope	Second Monday
128	Victory	Benito	Adolph Olson	Dan. Hawe	Third Wednesday
129	Shellmouth	Shellmouth	C. T. Miller	W. J. Lloyd	Second Monday
130	Fort Garry	Winnipeg	Thos. H. Clark	W. D. G. Runions	Second Wednesday
131	Kildonan	Winnipeg	Wm. Inglis	C. M. Smillie	Second Tuesday
132	Sprague	Sprague	E. O. May	Thos. McCarthy	Second Wednesday
133	McCreary	McCreary	Eber A. Philp	T. E. Squire	Second Thursday
134	Stony Mountain	Stony Mountain	J. S. Wilson	Rev. W. R. Wood	First Wednesday
136	Capitol	Winnipeg	W. H. Webb	George Newman	First Friday
137	Lord Selkirk	Winnipeg	M. Ferguson	G. R. Mackay	Second Wednesday
138	Windsor	St. Vital	E. Fitz Munn	H. B. Donnelly	Second Monday
139	Beaver	Winnipeg	John P. Mowat	S. W. Robertson	Second Thursday
140	Meridian	Winnipeg	D. Milliken	Jas. Mowat	Third Thursday
141	Tuscan	Winnipeg	H. H. Gray	A. R. Simpson	Second Friday
142	Harmony	Cardale	S. J. McCormick	S. W. Smith	Third Thursday
143	Mt. Sinai	Winnipeg	H. J. Nusgart	J. Fred	Fourth Thursday
144	Fort Osborne	Winnipeg	J. R. Glenn	T. J. Booth	First Tuesday
145	**Sturgeon Creek**	Sturgeon Creek	W. F. Kerby	E. W. Browne	Second Monday
146	Fidelity	Winnipeg	R. B. Nixon	A. Sandilands	Third Friday
147	Jubilee	Bowsman	H. A. ‘Caughlin	Henry Stevens	Second Thursday
148	Seven Oaks	Winnipeg	T. F. Burrows	E. J. Scott	Second Friday
150	Cartwright	Cartwright	A. B. Fee	W. H. Newton	Third Tuesday
151	The Dormer	Winnipeg	G. H. Ball	R. W. Ross	First Tuesday
152	Foxwarren	Foxwarren	S. J. Stitt	V. G. Hillcox	First Wednesday
153	Flin Flon	Flin Flon	G. A. Boam	S. E. T. Dodd	First Tuesday
154	**Pine Falls**	Pine Falls	J. J. Jackson	Wm. Bird	Second Friday
155	Carman	Carman	G. W. Weaver	J. A. Leslie	Third Tuesday
156	Manitouwapa	Moosehorn	A. J. Walkin	W. J. Paulson	Third Tuesday

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1	Prince Rupert's .	2	2	2	3	9	2	4	....	7	400	401
2	Lisgar..........	2	2	2	....	....	5	....	....	2	116	111
3	Ancient Landmark	4	5	5	2	4	....	3	....	12	350	345
4	St. John's.......	11	7	7	5	2	1	6	....	11	572	572
6	Emerson........	3	3	2	....	....	....	1	....	....	61	63
7	Assiniboine......	7	9	9	2	3	5	....	....	5	182	184
8	King Solomon....	8	8	6	....	....	....	....	....	1	58	65
10	Northern Light...	....	....	1	5	2	....	....	....	4	266	269
11	Gladstone.......	3	3	2	1	1	....	....	....	1	72	76
12	Stonewall.......	5	5	5	1	....	....	....	....	3	81	84
13	Morden.........	1	1	4	1	1	....	3	....	....	71	71
14	Prince of Wales..	3	3	3	1	....	....	....	....	....	90	94
15	Corinthian......	1	1	2	....	1	....	....	....	3	52	51
19	Brandon........	5	5	6	2	1	5	....	....	10	200	193
24	Neepawa........	10	9	7	2	2	1	....	....	7	128	134
25	Ionic...........	10	10	12	3	3	1	2	....	14	500	499
27	Glenwood.......	13	13	12	2	2	3	....	....	1	121	134
29	Carberry........	9	8	10	....	1	1	2	....	2	56	61
30	Manitou........	3	....	....	1	1	1	....	....	1	54	57
36	Doric...........	3	3	1	3	....	1	....	....	2	78	81
39	Birtle..........	1	1	....	....	1	1	....	....	2	42	41
40	Deloraine	3	3	3	4	1	2	4	....	1	62	63
43	Lebanon........	9	9	8	4	2	2	....	....	1	74	86
44	Oak Lake.......	1	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	28	29
48	Glenboro.......	2	2	2	1	....	1	....	....	....	48	50
49	Temple	....	....	....	....	....	1	2	....	2	71	66

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50	Killarney	....	....	....	1	1	2	....	....	1	64	63
51	Treherne	2	2	2	1	1	2	....	....	....	39	41
52	Hartney	3	3	3	....	1	2	....	....	3	76	75
54	Oriental	4	4	3	....	....	1	....	....	1	46	48
55	East Star	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	42	42
62	Russell	4	4	4	1	1	1	....	....	2	45	48
63	Holland	3	3	2	....	1	2	1	....	3	52	50
64	Composite	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	41	41
67	Wawanesa	5	2	2	1	....	....	....	....	2	39	43
68	Vermillion	15	13	15	2	2	3	....	...	3	152	165
70	Shiloh	4	4	2	....	....	....	....	....	3	67	68
71	Crystal	4	....	....	....	1	2	....	....	....	42	45
74	Elkhorn	2	2	1	....	2	3	1	....	1	34	33
75	Gothic	4	3	2	....	2	2	....	....	1	50	53
77	Napinka	5	5	4	1	3	1	....	....	2	52	58
82	Cypress	3	2	2	2	....	3	....	....	....	35	37
84	Hamiota	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	47	47
86	Elgin	4	4	4	....	....	....	....	....	1	54	57
87	Rathwell	2	2	2	....	....	....	....	....	1	20	21
90	Midlothian	....	....	....	....	2	2	....	....	1	56	55
92	Shoal Lake	....	....	....	2	1	1	....	....	....	71	73
93	King Edward	2	2	2	1	4	1	3	....	9	305	299
94	Hiram	8	8	9	....	1	....	....	....	....	51	60
100	Robbie Burns	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	31	29
101	Binscarth	1	1	1	....	1	1	....	....	4	34	31
102	Miniota	1	1	1	1	....	2	....	....	1	58	57
103	Crescent	6	5	5	....	1	....	....	....	2	48	53

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104	Reston	6	6	8	....	1	3	1	....	1	111	113
105	Prince Arthur	9	9	8	....	....	1	1	....	5	63	65
106	Strathclair	4	4	4	....	....	1	1	....	....	39	41
107	Lansdowne	1	1	1	....	....	....	1	....	....	42	42
108	Union	2	2	2	....	....	1	....	....	1	38	38
109	Swan Lake	4	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	23	26
110	Kilwinning	1	1	2	1	....	1	....	....	....	47	48
111	Acacia	6	6	5	....	1	....	2	....	4	191	192
112	Ophir	1	....	....	1	1	3	3	....	2	58	53
113	Tweed	4	7	7	3	1	2	1	....	1	232	236
114	"The Assiniboine"	3	3	2	5	1	3	4	....	7	326	321
115	Rivers	3	2	2	....	....	1	....	....	....	51	53
116	St. Andrews	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	....	1	37	34
117	Strathcona	2	...	....	1	2	....	....	....	2	57	60
118	Mound	3	2	....	....	3	....	1	....	....	55	60
119	Norwood	3	3	2	3	....	1	4	....	3	179	177
120	Penza	3	3	3	....	....	....	....	....	3	33	33
121	St. James	10	8	8	1	....	1	....	....	5	156	161
122	Roblin	1	2	2	1	....	....	....	....	1	35	36
123	Transcona	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	119	119
124	The Pas	5	5	4	1	1	2	....	....	....	85	90
125	Patricia	1	2	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	27	28
126	Favel	4	4	3	....	....	....	....	....	1	37	40
127	Empire	2	3	3	....	1	3	....	....	3	122	119
128	Victory	4	5	4	....	....	2	3	....	1	37	35
129	Shellmouth	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	19	18

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No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Re-instated	Demitted	Sus-pended N.P.D.	Sus-pended U.M.C.	Died	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1942	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1943
130	Fort Garry......	7	7	3	1	....	1	....	....	6	188	189
131	Kildonan.......	2	2	2	1	....	....	2	....	1	90	90
132	Sprague........	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	25	24
133	McCreary.......	....	....	....	....	1	1	....	....	....	36	36
134	Stony Mountain..	1	1	1	1	....	....	1	....	1	49	49
136	Capitol.........	3	3	3	....	2	2	....	....	2	163	164
137	Lord Selkirk.....	4	4	4	3	1	2	3	....	....	93	96
138	Windsor........	4	4	4	1	....	7	....	....	2	119	115
139	Beaver.........	8	8	8	2	2	1	4	....	2	200	205
140	Meridian........	6	5	5	2	....	1	3	....	2	255	257
141	Tuscan.........	....	....	....	....	....	3	2	....	....	69	64
142	Harmony.......	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	24	24
143	Mt. Sinai........	4	10	10	2	1	1	...	....	....	207	213
144	Fort Osborne....	3	4	4	2	....	1	1	....	3	114	114
145	Sturgeon Creek..	7	5	5	1	1	....	....	....	2	78	85
146	Fidelity........	8	6	6	5	1	1	1	....	4	107	115
147	Jubilee.........	3	1	1	....	1	....	....	....	2	42	44
148	Seven Oaks......	4	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	1	86	91
150	Cartwright......	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	28	30
151	The Dormer.....	5	4	4	....	....	....	....	....	1	43	47
152	Foxwarren......	....	....	....	1	1	....	....	....	1	31	32
153	Flin Flon.......	6	6	6	2	1	....	2	....	....	93	100
154	Pine Falls......	1	1	1	....	....	1	....	....	1	43	42
155	Carman.........	5	4	4	1	....	1	1	....	1	50	53
156	Manitouwapa ...	1	2	2	1	....	1	....	....	1	44	44
	Grand Totals...	368	338	322	100	88	118	75		210	9980	10133

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1943

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
1	Prince Rupert's. .	9	. .	9	129	272	58	35	320.00	492.87	1660.79	517.18	17027.72	1500.00	Active	1	Rent
3	Ancient Landmark	9	1	10	72	273	65	33	389.00	185.00	344.94	134.05	25617.75	2900.00	Active	1	Rent
4	St. John's.	9	8	17	125	453	112	25	1095.00	506.24	588.23	3240.00	29580.73	1750.00	Active	1	Rent
10	Northern Light. . .	9	. .	9	75	194	60	26	215.00	344.00	755.87	Nil	9405.09	1500.00	Active	1	Rent
25	Ionic.	10	9	19	131	368	78	61	753.00	359.72	3591.46	1396.03	46544.65	500.00	Active	1	Rent
93	King Edward. . . .	9	5	14	76	222	65	56	739.00	577.07	1254.67	118.50	7469.72	1600.00	Active	1	Rent
111	Acacia.	9	2	11	49	144	40	52	564.50	192.40	565.35	200.50	7821.12	1000.00	Active	1	Rent
114	"The Assiniboine"	10	1	11	78	243	57	26	249.00	182.00	983.33	Nil	14420.33	1500.00	Active	1	Rent
119	Norwood.	9	3	12	25	154	55	48	462.00	34.30	Nil	985.00	5058.33	7200.00	Active	1	Own
121	St. James.	9	9	18	26	135	52	38	250.00	167.20	435.71	368.15	4674.46	1350.00	Active	1	Rent
127	Empire.	9	2	11	19	100	38	26	222.00	150.05	187.76	88.00	4021.12	3000.00	Active	1	Own

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7	Assiniboine.	10	10	20	75	108	27	39	308.40	8.00	1154.12	4221.50	14251.09	16000.00	Active	1	Own
11	Gladstone.	12	5	17	47	24	19	11	77.00	45.00	194.88	. . . . .	400.00	3500.00	Active	1	Own
24	Neepawa.	10	8	18	56	78	43.7	27	245.00	12.82	445.69	1500.00	3258.49	Temple	Active	1	Rent
29	Carberry.	11	8	19	25	36	15.7	8	170.00	35.06	343.33	33.50	2709.83	1500.00	Active	. .	Own
49	Temple.	12	2	14	37	29	20	25	155.00	106.23	. . . . .	. . . . .	2600.00	2500.00	Active	. .	Own
75	Gothic.	10	3	13	24	29	15.5	6	30.00	. . . . .	558.34	. . . . .	1500.00	1500.00	Active	1	Own
108	Union.	12	2	14	20	18	13.7	2	20.00	55.00	114.47	. . . . .	2014.47	1300.00	Active	. .	Own
116	St. Andrew's. . . .	9	2	11	19	15	12.8	4	82.00	30.00	120.00	. . . . .	1200.00	200.00	Active	1	Rent
133	McCreary.	9	. .	9	12	24	11	5	50.00	113.00	105.56	43.35	712.21	400.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1943

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
67	Wawanesa......	11	1	12	14	29	15	11	178.00	8.65	319.85	.....	......	250.00	Active	1	Rent
63	Holland........	10	3	13	18	32	17	6	36.00	30.00	109.40	.....	414.17	300.00	Active	1	Rent
51	Treherne.......	11	1	12	16	25	16	6	31.00	53.40	180.81	420.00	2800.00	2000.00	Active	1	Own
103	Crescent........	9	4	13	13	40	21	25	145.00	20.00	81.18	.....	666.00	300.00	Active	1	Rent
87	Rathwell.......	10	1	11	6	15	11	6	36.00	10.00	196.39	42.63	496.39	300.00	Active	1	Rent
109	Swan Lake.....	9	0	9	9	16	9	13	75.00	4.00	125.01	84.25	179.96	200.00	Active	1	Rent
82	Cypress........	10	3	13	20	18	8	8	60.00	10.00	427.90	121.00	460.00	180.00	Active	1	Rent
117	Strathcona......	11	3	14	21	39	18	13	110.00	....	1371.94	.....	2081.24	500.00	Active	1	Rent
48	Glenboro.......	10	0	10	22	28	15	13	91.00	76.00	323.07	.....	323.07	250.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1943

13	Morden........	10	..	10	40	31	23	11	83.00	155.00	132.08	.....	1025.00	500.00	Active	1	Rent
30	Manitou........	10	2	12	24	33	18	4	40.00	167.31	438.44	.....	3007.44	350.00	Active	1	Rent
36	Doric..........	12	1	13	26	53	20	16	136.00	80.00	346.23	.....	2763.23	2500.00	Active	1	Own
50	Killarney.......	8	2	10	24	39	15	..	.....	35.05	104.07	.....	1305.98	250.00	Active	1	Rent
71	Crystal.........	12	1	13	16	28	17	10	88.00	.....	126.34	.....	382.34	Nil	Active	1	Rent
118	Mound.........	12	..	12	19	41	15	9	66.00	50.82	220.92	.....	786.92	100.00	Active	1	Rent
150	Cartwright.....	7	1	8	13	17	10	6	70.00	....	29.75	.....	603.06	200.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1943

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Members 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
14	Prince of Wales	12	. .	12	26	64	. .	23	516.00	.....	275.77	1000.00	6631.77	6000.00	Active	1	Own
15	Corinthian	11	4	15	6	45	. .	2	40.00	.....	286.84	......	2400.00	1800.00	Active	1	Own
39	Birtle	6	. .	6	16	24	. .	3	65.00	38.00	260.30	124.20	2961.10	1500.00	Active	. .	Own
62	Russell	12	3	15	14	34	. .	. .	60.00	.....	86.95	......	1200.00	1200.00	Active	1	Rent
84	Hamiota	8	1	9	9	38	. .	5	106.00	73.85	247.50	......	247.50	200.00	Active	1	Rent
92	Shoal Lake	11	. .	11	34	39	. .	8	214.00	.....	351.83	1215.92	1418.66	1500.00	Active	1	Own
101	Binscarth	7	3	10	12	19	. .	6	280.00	.....	53.29	184.02	800.00	500.00	Active	. .	Rent
102	Miniota	12	. .	12	22	35	. .	. .	45.00	.....	105.43	......	2750.43	1825.00	Active	. .	Own
106	Strathclair	12	1	13	16	25	. .	4	100.00	80.00	404.00	117.42	1786.58	1000.00	Active	1	Own
115	Rivers	10	. .	10	22	31	. .	2	48.50	96.00	528.90	......	1100.00	1000.00	Active	1	Own
152	Foxwarren	11	2	13	9	23	. .	3	63.00	42.90	116.61	......	1800.00	1300.00	Active	. .	Own
129	Shellmouth	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	.....	.....	.....	......	......	......	.....	. .	....
142	Harmony	4	. .	4	9	15	. .	. .	20.00	.....	225.03	......	295.03	500.00	.....	. .	....

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1943

27	Glenwood	12	7	19	58	76	35	20	166.00	200.00	519.84	.....	4088.80	2000.00	Active	1	Own
40	Deloraine	12	. .	12	14	40	23	8	56.00	33.39	41.43	.....	2380.00	375.00	Active	1	Rent
52	Hartney	11	1	12	27	48	26	34	210.00	34.45	60.86	.....	1377.00	800.00	Active	1	Rent
54	Oriental	10	5	15	12	36	21	6	48.00	35.00	140.53	174.95	1174.95	600.00	Active	1	Rent
77	Napinka	10	2	12	21	32	18	19	95.00	27.00	181.23	.....	481.93	......	Active	1	Rent
86	Elgin	11	. .	11	16	41	20	11	78.00	.....	174.86	.....	534.89	......	Active	1	Rent
104	Reston	12	3	15	29	84	28	106	136.00	20.00	561.86	.....	8447.86	4500.00	Active	1	Own
110	Kilwinning	12	. .	12	16	32	18	2	12.00	114.00	370.13	42.00	1062.13	300.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1943

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. Mem. 12 Mos. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
19	Brandon........	10	10	20	72	121	..	4	48.00	88.49	826.00	402.75	8087.88	300.00	Active	1	Rent
43	Lebanon........	12	2	14	45	41	..	18	176.05	164.47	276.49	150.00	626.49	300.00	Active	1	Rent
44	Oak Lake........	8	..	8	10	17	..	5	27.50	25.00	356.72	......	2100.00	1300.00	Active	1	Own
64	Composite......	8	1	9	21	21	..	5	42.00	19.00	354.91	......	1390.91	1000.00	Active	1	Own
74	Elkhorn........	12	2	14	20	13	..	4	45.00	.....	156.00	2915.00	85.00	2500.00	Active	1	Own
107	Lansdowne......	8	1	9	10	32	..	4	41.00	90.30	123.94	......	500.00	500.00	Active	1	Rent
113	Tweed	10	2	12	96	140	..	52	312.00	60.00	825.66	130.50	17812.13	.....	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1943

6	Emerson.......	12	1	13	29	34	16	14	170.00	5.00	210.56	.....	4500.00	3700.00	Active	2	Own
8	King Solomon...	12	3	15	23	32	17	13	.....	47.00	14.31	.....	½ yr. rent	2200.00	Active	1	Own
55	East Star......	11	..	11	..	..	12	..	.....	......	......	......	....	....	......	2	Own
70	Shiloh........	10	2	12	26	44	20	4	92.00	49.00	244.46	131.40	1755.06	250.00	Active	1	Rent
90	Midlothian......	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	......	......	......	....	....	..	1	..
120	Penza.........	9	3	12	9	24	11	3	30.00	15.00	100.00	.....	100.00	1500.00	Active	1	Own
125	Patricia........	9	0	9	11	17	14	3	28.00	35.00	190.25	.....	840.25	300.00	Active	2	Rent
132	Sprague........	8	1	9	16	8	8	11	109.00	.....	52.13	.....	505.00	500.00	Active	1	Rent
155	Carman..	9	1	10	8	42	20	5	30.00	53.75	69.56	67.58	811.47	500.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1943

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
68	Vermillion......	12	3	15	61	105	31	42	307.48	214.38	823.96	Nil	6815.22	2000.00	Active	1	Rent
94	Hiram.........	11	5	16	22	38	15	4	16.00	51.35	145.31	153.76	2657.55	1750.00	Active	1	Own
100	Robbie Burns....	9	1	10	14	15	9	4	24.00	7.05	23.89	Nil	750.00	200.00	Active	1	Rent
105	Prince Arthur...	12	9	21	25	40	20	5	60.00	20.00	223.48	Nil	663.48	450.00	Active	1	Rent
122	Roblin.........	12	2	14	7	29	14	3	35.00	Nil	142.93	Nil	1090.00	750.00	Active	1	Own
126	Favel..........	12	2	14	12	28	12	18	180.00	25.00	130.31	900.00	700.00	1500.00	Active	1	Own
128	Victory........	10	2	12	15	24	11	4	24.00	21.00	337.82	36.00	324.00	300.00	Active	1	Rent
147	Jubilee.......	12	2	14	20	24	12	8	84.00	19.75	257.86	Nil	407.86	100.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1943

No. of Lodge	NAME	Reg.	Emer.	Total	Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
2	Lisgar.......	10	..	10	34	77	20	16	106.00	120.00	227.63	3431.00	3221.85	2700.00	Active	1	Own
12	Stonewall.......	11	3	14	31	53	27	11	72.00	568.00	53.70	Nil	2313.70	1400.00	Active	1	Own
112	Ophir..........	12	2	14	8	45	14	4	34.00	300.00	78.25	300.00	2900.00	2800.00	Active	1	Own
123	Transcona......	10	3	13	17	102	35	27	436.75	118.29	187.99	Nil	1903.76	500.00	Active	1	Rent
131	Kildonan.......	9	2	11	12	78	42	24	260.00	191.29	1025.06	85.45	4062.64	4500.00	Active	1	Own
134	Stony Mountain..	11	..	11	12	35	10	14	84.00	25.00	192.10	Nil	2918.05	1400.00	Active	1	Own
148	Seven Oaks.....	9	2	11	14	77	35	20	151.00	46.50	169.58	43.00	5719.52	1000.00	Active	1	Rent
151	The Dormer....	9	2	11	5	42	22	6	60.00	28.41	239.62	184.06	1498.53	500.00	Active	1	Rent
154	Pine Falls......	10	3	13	18	24	12	4	20.00	10.00	456.70	96.11	1586.95	400.00	Active	1	Rent
156	Manitouwapa ...	8	1	9	39	5	22	Nil	Nil	Nil	258.47	Nil	500.00	500.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1943

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Litbilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
130	Fort Garry	9	6	15	45	144	53	30	326.00	46.00	153.62	Nil	4058.50	1000.00	Active	1	Rent
136	Capitol	9	2	11	33	131	50	21	220.00	390.00	466.87	Nil	1500.00	1000.00	Active	1	Rent
137	Lord Selkirk	9	..	9	22	74	37	19	247.00	118.41	747.85	150.00	3864.35	250.00	Active	1	Rent
138	Windsor	9	1	10	17	99	40	28	489.00	50.00	288.91	1208.79	14171.70	12000.00	Active	1	Own
139	Beaver	9	6	15	61	144	61	40	375.00	100.00	1177.02	27.50	4063.23	500.00	Active	1	Rent
140	Meridian	9	2	11	40	211	75	66	625.00	322.00	667.03	185.00	10045.84	500.00	Active	1	Rent
141	Tuscan	9	..	9	19	45	21	9	71.50	120.00	207.32	106.00	864.11	350.00	Active	1	Rent
143	Mount Sinai	9	1	10	39	174	87	1	36.00	144.00	712.28	431.24	6143.54	500.00	Active	1	Rent
144	Fort Osborne	9	3	12	27	87	34	15	154.75	119.89	242.47	25.00	3050.48	500.00	Active	1	Rent
145	Sturgeon Creek	9	3	12	19	68	48	6	42.00	95.00	174.21	6.00	2341.71	400.00	Active	1	Rent
146	Fidelity	9	1	10	7	108	40	15	190.00	278.86	256.24	130.00	3313.38	200.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE LODGES UNDER THE SPECIAL SUPERVISION OF THE GRAND MASTER

124	The Pas	11	4	15	43	47	..	11	115.00	......	......	9111.02	2188.82	6400.00	Active	1	Own
153	Flin Flon	4	3	7	47	53	..	24	220.00	......	149.32	2534.85	6438.63	5000.00	Active	1	Own

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
Alabama	Guy T. Smith	Montgomery
Alberta	George Moore	Calgary
Alpina	F. Muller-Ruegg	Berne, Switzerland
Arizona	Harry A. Drachman	Tucson
Arkansas	W. A. Thomas	Little Rock
British Columbia		
California	Lloyd E. Wilson	San Francisco
Canada (in Ontario)	Ewart G. Dixon	Hamilton, P.O. Drawer 217
Chili	Rod Castro Oliveria	Santiago
Colombia	Jose G. Fabre Americo Carnicelli (Ext.)	Bogota, Apartado 2519
Colorado	H. W. Bundy	Denver, 319 Masonic Temple
Connecticut	Winthrop Buck	Hartford
Costa Rica	Enrique Chaves Bolanos	San Jose, Apt. "Y"
Cuba	Dr. Constantino Pais	Havana, Apartado, 72
Czechoslovakia, N.G.L.		
Delaware	Chester R. Jones	Wilmington, 813 Market St.
Denmark	A. T. K. Troedsson	Copenhagen, 23 Blegdamsvej
District of Columbia	J. Claude Kieper	Washington, D.C.
Ecuador	Jose A. Vallejo Ycaza	Guayaquil
England	Sydney A. White	London
Egypt	Mohammed Bey Rifatt	Cairo, Box 148
Florida	Geo. W. Huff	Jacksonville
France, G. L.	Maurice Lhomme	Paris, 8 Rue Puteaux
France, N.G.L.	G. H. Hargreaves	Paris,
Guatemala	Pedro Donis O.	Guatemala City
Georgia	Daniel W. Locklin	Macon
Honduras, C.A.	Constantino S. Ramos	Honduras, C.A.
Idaho	Clyde I. Rush	Boise, P.O. Box 1667
Illinois	R. C. Davenport	Harrisburg
Indiana	William H. Swintz	Indianapolis
Iowa	Charles C. Hunt	Cedar Rapids
Ireland	Henry C. Shellard	Dublin
Kansas	Elmer F. Strain	Topeka
Kentucky	Al. E. Orton	Louisville, 200 Shubert Bldg
Lessing Zu Den Drei Ringen		
Louisiana	D. Peter Laguens, Jr.	New Orleans
Maine	Convers E. Leach	Portland
Manitoba	J. H. G. Russell	Winnipeg
Maryland	Claud Shaffer	Baltimore
Massachusetts	Frank H. Hilton	Boston
Mexico, York G.L.	Fred T. Berger	Mexico City. D.F. Apartado, 1986
Michigan	F. Homer Newton	Grand Rapids
Minnesota	John H. Anderson	St. Paul
Mississippi	Sid. F. Curtis	Meridian
Missouri		
Montana	Luther T. Hauberg	Helena
Nebraska	Lewis E. Smith	Omaha
Netherlands	A. F. L. Faubel	The Hague
Nevada	E. C. Peterson	Carson City
New Brunswick	R. D. Magee	Saint John, P.O. Box 430
New Hampshire	J. Melvin Dresser	Concord

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESS OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES—Continued

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
New Jersey	Isaac Cherry	Trenton
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque
New South Wales	Jas. S. Miller	Sydney
New York	Charles H. Johnson	New York
New Zealand	H. A. Lamb	Christchurch, C.I., P.O. Box 1293
North Carolina	John H. Anderson	Raleigh
North Dakota	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo
Northern China, D.G.L.	E. Philip Higgs	Shanghai, P.O. Box 417
Norway	Col. J. P. Graff-Wang	N. Voldgate 19, Oslo
Nova Scotia	James C. Jones	Halifax
Ohio	Harry S. Johnson	Cincinnati
Oklahoma	Claude A. Sturgeon	Guthrie
Oregon	D. R. Cheney	Portland 5, 119 S.W. Park Ave.
Panama	Andres Mojica	Panama, Apartado, 84
Paraiba	Augusto de Almeida Simoes	Paraiba, Brazil, P.O. Box 3
Pennsylvania	Matthew Galt, Jr.	Philadelphia
Philippine Islands	Antonio Gonzalez	Manilla, P.O. Box 990
Porto Rico	Rodolfo Ramirez Pabon	San Juan
Prince Edward Island	L. A. McDougall	Charlottetown, P.O. Box 112
Quebec	W. W. Williamson	Montreal
Queensland	Leslie P. Marks	Brisbane, Box 675K. G.P.O.
Rhode Island	H. L. McAuslan	Providence
Rio de Janeiro	Dr. O. De Souza Valle	Rio De Janeiro
Santa Domingo	Jose Marie Perez Andujar	Santa Domingo
Saskatchewan	Robert A. Tate	Regina
Sao Paulo	Antonio T. DaSilva	Sao Paulo, Brazil, Box 2611
Scotland	W. King Gillies	Edinburgh
South Africa	F. L. Knight	Cape Town
South Australia	R. Owen Fox	Adelaide
South Carolina	O. Frank Hart	Columbia
South Dakota	E. F. Strain	Sioux Falls
Tasmania	W. H. Strutt	Hobart
Tennessee	Thomas E. Doss	Nashville, P.O. Box 216
Texas	George H. Belew	Waco
Utah	S. H. Goodwin	Salt Lake City
Vermont	Aaron H. Grout	Burlington
Victoria	William Stewart	Melbourne
Vienna		
Virginia	James F. Clift	Richmond
Washington	Horace W. Tyler	Tacoma
West Virginia	I. Wade Coffman	Charleston
Western Australia	A. E. Jensen	Perth, Box D-177, G.P.O.
Wisconsin	William F. Weiler	Milwaukee
Wyoming	Irving E. Clark	Casper

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
Alabama	Chas. H. Stubinger	Birmingham	Mar. 10, 1937
Alberta	Samuel Harris	High Prairie	Jan. 2, 1941
Alpina	Wm. Planta	Berne, Switzerland	Sept. 2, 1941
Arizona	Rev. Robt. S. Calder	Phoenix	Jan. 31, 1940
Arkansas	John H. Pinson	El-Dorado	Mar. 27, 1925
British Columbia	Donald Adams	Revelstoke	Oct. 13, 1930
Canada (in Ontario)	Chas. S. Hamilton	Toronto (1)	Mar. 22, 1944
Chili	Artouro de la Cruz	Santiago	Oct. 14, 1929
Colombia	Alfred G. Williams	Bogota	Nov. 24, 1942
Colorado	Ira C. Foster	Montrose	Feb. 24, 1940
Connecticut	Willard A. Hunt	Forestville	April 22, 1939
Costa Rica	Iric C. Murray	San Jose	Aug. 1, 1921
Cuba, Island of	Thomas C. Sierria	Havana	June 6, 1923
Delaware	Louis S. Cain	Wilmington	Jan. 29, 1927
Denmark	C. E. Monrath-Oxholm	Copenhagen	Aug. 7, 1931
District of Columbia	Needham C. Tumage	Washington	July 20, 1908
Ecuador	Octavio Moran	Guayaquil	July 21, 1932
England	The Rt. Hon. Viscount de Vesci	Monk Hopton, Bridgnorth	Nov. 25, 1939
Egypt	Alfred Seffer	Cairo	Dec. 8, 1925
Florida	Frank H. Brown	Miami	April 2, 1940
France, G.L.	Louis Doignon	Paris	Nov. 29, 1926
France, N.G.L.	J. C. D. Scarlett	Paris	April 26, 1936
Guatemala	Carlos A. Gieseler	Guatemala	June 10, 1925
Georgia	John A. Bishop	Atlanta	Feb. 1, 1933
Honduras	Jesus M. Lopez	Honduras	Dec. 1, 1931
Idaho	Neil R. Fitch	Payette	Dec. 9, 1941
Illinois	G. Haven Stephens	Danville	Aug. 30, 1924
Indiana	George W. Schneider	New Albany	April 17, 1903
Ireland	David Ferris	Newry	Nov. 1, 1921
Kansas	Harold B. Groff	Topeka	Sept. 18, 1936
Kentucky	John L. Vest	Walton	Aug. 15, 1927
Louisiana	Thomas Gessner	Hammond	May 10, 1940
Maine	Porter A. Roberts	Portland	July 20, 1937
Maryland	Chas. Reichhardt	Baltimore (33)	Feb. 5, 1944
Massachusetts	Edwin O. Childs	Newton	Nov. 5, 1936
Mexico, York G.L.	R. B. E. Turnbull	Mexico City	July 6, 1933
Michigan	Louis Anderson	Omena	June 1, 1932
Minnesota	Lloyd Peabody	St. Paul	Nov. 29, 1931
Mississippi	A. F. Copeland	Leland	April 19, 1932
Missouri	Harris C. Johnston	Boonville	Nov. 16, 1936
Montana	W. J. Johnston	Thompson Falls	July 8, 1937
Nebraska	Ernest C. Purdy	Gordon	July 7, 1943
Netherlands	K. G. Jorksveld	Utrecht	Feb. 2, 1939
Nevada	Sam. P. Kafoury	Reno	June 2, 1933
New Brunswick	Alfred Page	Woodstock	April 14, 1939
New Hampshire	Donald W. Hopkins	Greenfield	Aug. 27, 1943
New Jersey	James F. Russell	Jersey City	April 1, 1923
New Mexico	Earl A. Turner	Las Vegas	July 8, 1937
New South Wales	E. E. Cupit	Sydney	Oct. 13, 1923
New York	C. H. G. Sorge	New York	Feb. 2, 1942
New Zealand	Gilbert T. Bull	Gisborne	Oct. 15, 1909
North Carolina	J. L. Peacock	Tarboro	July, 1935

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES—Continued

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date	
North Dakota	Paul B. Griffiths	Grand Forks	Jan.	5, 1939
Norway	Jas. W. Berg	Oslo	Nov.	1, 1924
Nova Scotia	Rev. G. R. Thompson	Truro	May	18, 1943
Ohio	Forest R. Dwyer	Bradford	July	28, 1943
Oklahoma	Lyle H. Ball	Laverne	Jan.	12, 1943
Oregon	Wilmot K. Royal	Portland	Dec.	4, 1933
Panama	Raymond L. Toledano	Panama	Dec.	1, 1926
Paraiba	Dr. Arlindo Correa	Paraiba, Brazil	July	10, 1939
Philippine Islands	Gonzalo T. Vales	Manila	Feb.	6, 1940
Puerto Rico	George W. Robert	San Juan	Oct.	1, 1917
Prince Edward Island	Donald Baker	Summerside	May	8, 1936
Quebec	W. R. Allen	Montreal	Jan.	14, 1918
Queensland	William K. McLuckie	Brisbane	June	1, 1923
Rhode Island	Jas. B. Littlefield	Providence	Sept.	18, 1943
Rio de Janeiro	Leon Benshat	Rio de Janeiro	Feb.	20, 1931
Sao Paulo	Carlos Reis Filho	Sao Paulo, Brazil	Jan.	5, 1939
Saskatchewan	Wm. O. Fraser	Oxbow	Nov.	25, 1941
Scotland	Rev. Hugh F. Reid	Chirnside	Jan.	8, 1930
South Australia	E. J. Copping	Adelaide	Aug.	1, 1930
South Carolina	William W. Gregory	Inman	May	15, 1934
South Dakota	W. D. Swain	Sioux Falls	Jan.	15, 1937
Tasmania	R. V. W. Green	Launceston	April	24, 1928
Tennessee	Ira Parker	Nashville	Mar.	1, 1932
Texas	J. W. Pender	Denton	Mar.	1, 1931
Utah	R. W. Macdonald	Park City	April	7, 1938
Vermont	A. Horace Winchester	Brattleboro	Jan.	5, 1944
Victoria	Edgar J. Carter	Melbourne	Sept.	10, 1934
Virginia	R. A. Hutchison	Manassas	Mar.	27, 1942
Washington	A. E. Emerson	Ellenburg	Dec.	8, 1916
West Virginia	Charles B. Ahrens	Wheeling	Aug.	17, 1939
Western Australia	Arthur G. Stiles	Perth	Aug.	16, 1934
Wisconsin	Ray H. Watson	Milwaukee	May	1, 1939

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
Alabama	Francis H. Dagg	Holland	Mar. 31, 1920
Alberta	Hugh M. Kerr	Brandon	Nov. 25, 1930
Alpina (Switzerland)	W. C. Birt	Winnipeg	Oct. 22, 1930
Arizona	Oliver L. Best	Winnipeg	Mar. 29, 1944
Arkansas	Jas. D. Harrower	Wawanesa	Feb. 25, 1941
British Columbia	Rev. Chas. E. Somerset	Selkirk	June 10, 1924
Canada (in Ontario)	W. D. Lawrence	Winnipeg	Sept. 13, 1940
Chili	N. J. Black	Winnipeg	May 13, 1920
Colombia	T. W. Neelands	Swan River	Feb. 12, 1939
Colorado	K. R. Kennedy	Winnipeg	Mar. 5, 1938
Connecticut	M. S. Donovan	Brandon	May 21, 1935
Costa Rica	R. McKenzie	Roland	May 30, 1923
Cuba, Island of	J. Morgan Davies	Winnipeg	May 27, 1940
Czechoslovakia			
Delaware	John Coulter	Treherne	April 2, 1915
Denmark	Stanley H. Fahrni	Gladstone	Oct. 17, 1930
District of Columbia	A. H. Steventon	Winnipeg	May 18, 1932
Ecuador	C. Weichman	Treherne	June 1935
Egypt	Edward T. Hardman	Newdale	June 2, 1934
England	Justice Wm. J. Major	Winnipeg	June 12, 1935
Florida	Hon. Robert Hawkins	Dauphin	Aug. 16, 1937
France, N.G.L.	Chas. H. Midwinter	Winnipeg	Mar. 3, 1937
France, G.L.			
Guatemala	J. J. Sinclair	Winnipeg	
Georgia	J. H. G. Russell	Winnipeg	June 1, 1928
Honduras	A. G. Cowan	Winnipeg	Oct. 17, 1930
Idaho	Hector French	Stony Mountain	June 1, 1928
Illinois	William R. Leslie	Morden	June 21, 1931
Indiana	Robert E. Emmett	St. James	April 3, 1944
Ireland	John T. Boyd	Winnipeg	Oct. 3, 1935
Kansas	Jabez Miller	Winnipeg	June 15, 1914
Kentucky	Jas. L. Lawson	Winnipeg	June 24, 1927
Lessing Zu Den Drei Ringen			
Louisiana	Charles E. Cole	Portage la Prairie	Feb. 28, 1938
Maine	W. D. Harper	Emerson	Jan. 19, 1937
Maryland	Norman McDougall	Emerson	April 29, 1930
Massachusetts	Rev. Geo. W. Findlay	Winnipeg	May 1, 1929
Mexico, York G.L.	M. A. Nitikman	Winnipeg	May 23, 1940
Michigan	Dr. O. S. Ross	Virden	Mar. 1, 1941
Minnesota	Ben C. Parker	Winnipeg	Jan. 13, 1938
Mississippi	George N. Jackson	Winnipeg	Mar. 30, 1902
Missouri	Maris H. Garton	Winnipeg	Jan. 31, 1934
Montana	M. S. Watson	Deloraine	Feb. 26, 1941
Nebraska	Hugh Mackenzie	Winnipeg	Nov. 15, 1935
Netherlands	A. L. Crossin	Winnipeg	July 9, 1921
Nevada	Thomas A. Argue	Winnipeg	June 10, 1924
New Brunswick	Canon Geo. R. Calvert	Winnipeg	April 27, 1938
New Hampshire	George Hunter	Winnipeg	Dec. 6, 1926
New Jersey	Wm. G. Corbett	Stonewall	May 27, 1940
New Mexico	H. B. Donnelly	St. Vital	July 1937
New South Wales	James Mackie	Winnipeg	June 10, 1921
New York	Rev. Geo. A. Woodside	Winnipeg	May 14, 1932
New Zealand	Samuel Burland	St. Vital	Mar. 22, 1937
North Carolina	Robert Peel	Miniota	Sept. 4, 1941
North Dakota	J. Frank Dart	McKenzie Island	Jan. 18, 1937

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA—Continued

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date	
Norway	J. P. McKinnon	MacGregor	Oct.	24, 1920
Nova Scotia	David S. Woods	Winnipeg	Oct.	13, 1926
Ohio	Arthur E. Boyle	Winnipeg	June	10, 1924
Oklahoma	Harry M. Smith	Melita	Feb.	24, 1941
Oregon	J. James Henderson	Shoal Lake	June	20, 1924
Paraiba	Wm. L. Cann	Virden	Aug.	1938
Philippine Islands				
Panama	Hon. I. B. Griffith	Binscarth	Oct.	23, 1926
Puerto Rico	George V. Henderson	Strathclair	July	5, 1941
Prince Edward Island	Thomas R. Falconer	Deloraine	May	7, 1931
Quebec	Harvey T. Waters	Winnipeg	May	17, 1940
Queensland	Eli E. Spencer	Morden	Jan.	19, 1934
Rhode Island	John R. Stalker	Shoal Lake	Aug.	15, 1926
Rio de Janeiro	William Cairns	MacGregor	Oct.	23, 1920
Santa Domingo	William G. Shaw	Elgin	May	30, 1932
Saskatchewan	Alex. Burgess	Winnipeg	Jan.	21, 1937
Scotland	William Douglas	Winnipeg		1936
South Australia	Daniel Hawe	Benito	Jan.	14, 1931
South Carolina	Chas. R. Sayer	Winnipeg	May	20, 1940
South Dakota				
Tasmania	John Parton	Winnipeg		1936
Tennessee	James S. MacEwing	Treherne	Oct.	15, 1913
Texas	H. G. Kilpatrick	Forrest	Feb.	14, 1941
Utah	Donald MacDonald	Ninette	May	24, 1941
Vermont	Dr. Frank K. Purdie	Griswold	May	13, 1932
Victoria	Andrew Manson	Shoal Lake	Feb.	2, 1922
Vienna				
Virginia	Harry Woods	Winnipeg	Aug.	7, 1935
Washington	George R. Mackay	Winnipeg	May	20, 1929
West Virginia				
Western Australia				
Wisconsin				

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

HUGH M. KERR
Chairman

The Following Reviews Cover
All Grand Lodge Proceedings
Received To June 30th, 1944.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Following is our report of Reviews of individual Grand Lodge Proceedings, in time for presentation at Grand Lodge.

It is but natural that conditions incident to the present existing World War should prove to be of the first importance, and is given first place in discussions by Grand Masters and other Grand Lodge Officers and, possibly, of all, the most seriously important consideration and direct appeal by Grand Chaplains.

The Craft in the Mother Land carries on in spite of the war, and the activities of the Grand Lodges in the British Isles are an inspiration to all who take the trouble to read the reports.

Grand Lodges seem to be hewing closely to the line in essentials. There is considerable latitude in the matter of making it easy for men in the armed forces to get the degrees. The experiences of the first World War are still sufficiently vivid in the minds of most of our readers, so that it can be quite definitely stated that there is not the great rush to make Freemasons wholesale there was at that time. Greater care is being exercised by most Grand Masters than was the case in the other war.

Very little information is obtained concerning affairs in any part of Europe.

Grand Lodges in Central and South American countries are seeking recognition and a great deal of thought is being expended on this question.

We express the fervent hope that the fight for Democracy, and belief that the power of the Great Architect of the Universe will prevail.

Fraternally submitted,

H. M. KERR,
Chairman.

Presented by the Grand Secretary, It was moved by R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr (113), that the report by received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell (114). Carried.

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT

ARIZONA. Grand Master, 1943

The Grand Master reports an increase of 75 in membership for the past year, and that all Lodges are working.

SOUTH CAROLINA. Grand Master, 1943

The Grand Master reports that the traditional harmony of this Grand Lodge seems to exist all over the State. On the whole the warm friendship and companionship of the Brethren pervades the various assemblies among the Craft. The large influx of war workers, both military and civil, into the State has increased the membership of the Lodges to a material extent. The Grand Master has exhorted the Lodges to use special care in their investigations of the applicants, even to the extent of going to the applicants' home towns for information, and to bear in mind the necessity of keeping these Brethren interested to lessen the possibilities of losses after the present emergency is over.

FLORIDA. Grand Master, 1943

The Grand Master reports a gain in membership of 722, a fifth successive gain since the period of extended losses running through a period of more than ten years, and from reports received and from his own observations, Masonry in this State is in a healthy condition.

NEBRASKA. Grand Master, 1943

"The past year has been successful statistically and financially. 1,069 Candidates were Initiated as Entered Apprentice Masons; 925 were Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Our Grand Jurisdiction showed an increase of 510 in membership, the first net gain in thirteen years.

573 Brothers were reinstated, the largest number in any one year for more than twenty-five years. Fewer Brothers were suspended than in any year since 1925.

Masonry is again on the march. The attacks on Freemasonry by the Dictators, and the suppression of Masonic Lodges as their first act when ruthlessly overrunning a country, have caused thinking people to form a favorable opinion of this great Institution. Only so long as Freemasonry continues to merit the hatred of those whose lust for power seeks to destroy it, will it be a vital power in advancing civilization.

The implacable foes of Democracy are the foes of Freemasonry, and their goal is the extermination of both. But their efforts shall fail and the Light of Freemasonry will burn brighter than ever before. Out of this holocaust of war will emerge many heroes, and Masonry as ever in the past will be well represented.

A glorious future lies ahead for Freemasonry if we will but meet our problems with courage and faith. Fears shall not be in the way if we will remember our Creator."

GEORGIA. Grand Master, 1942

"During the past year, more than 1,600 candidates were raised, and the subordinate Lodges showed a net gain of more than 1,000 in membership. You will recall that last year a consolidated report of the subordinate Lodges showed a net gain of 63 members. For years, prior to that time, losses in membership were reported. So, I feel that we have "turned the corner," and that this substantial increase in membership reflects a re-vitalized interest in Masonry, as well as improvement in economic conditions in the State."

NEW HAMPSHIRE. Grand Master, 1943

"For the first time in several years our membership has shown a gain; while it is not large, yet it is a healthy growth.

Suspensions and demits have been fewer and initiations more numerous. It augurs well for our fraternity that in times of stress and uncertainty men everywhere find in Freemasonry a haven of comfort and security, and a spiritual inspiration to their troubled hearts."

MAINE. Grand Master, 1943

"It is gratifying to report, my brethren, that for the first time in many years, Grand Lodge has made a gain in membership. As at March 1, 1943, the number of members returned by the Lodges was 34,707, being 211 more than the number returned a year ago.

While I have no accurate knowledge of the actual conditions responsible for that gain, such information as I have indicates that close scrutiny was given to all applicants, and that quality and not quantity was the governig principle upon which the successful candidates were admitted."

CONNECTICUT. Grand Master, 1943

"I found the Craft in excellent condition when I assumed the duties of Grand Master and, from information I have received, I feel that the Lodges are in excellent shape. A spirit of brotherly love prevails, not only within our own Lodges, but with our Sister Grand Jurisdictions.

Connecticut reports a net gain in membership of 350."

NORTH CAROLINA, Grand Master, 1943

"The year through which we have passed since our last annual communication is regarded by many of our people as the most momentous year in the history of our country. Only a few months before that communication, we had become an active participant in the great conflict that is still raging throughout the world.

By the cowardly attack upon Pearl Harbor, this war was thrust upon us when we were not ready for it; but by it we were suddenly awakened to a realization of the danger then confronting us. That false sense of security and attitude of complacency, which prior thereto had such a predominating hold upon many of our people, immediately lost their grip and we began to prepare to meet the challenge of our enemies. We at once aligned ourselves with the other nations that were fighting so valiantly to preserve the sacred rights of truth, liberty and justice. We determined that regardless of the cost, the sacred heritage that was handed down to us by our fathers should be preserved, and that we would prosecute this war with all our might and main until an all-out victory was won. We began with that determination, and we have gone forward in a most remarkable way. Many of our industrial plants in every section of our country were hastily converted into munition plants, and the speed and perfection in which we are manufacturing munitions of all types and kinds have never been equalled by any other nation. Our planes, tanks and guns and other munitions are being transported in vast quantities to the various war theatres, where they are being successfully used against our enemies. We now have in uniform an army or more than seven million men, many thousands of whom are on our far flung battle fronts displaying that valor, skill and courage that has ever characterized the American soldier. Our progress has been phenomenal and yet we have just begun to fight. We will continue to increase production and to train and transport soldiers to the various battle fronts until we win complete triumph over our enemies and compel their unconditional surrender. But, as stated above, this sudden transition from peace to war on such a gigantic scale, has made this year a most momentous one. It has wrought a tremendous change in our attitudes and in our outlook upon life. We of the home front have been deeply engrossed in those activities that will further the winning of the war, and our thoughts have dwelt anxiously upon our boys in the service as we have contemplated the stupendous task they have before them. But, notwithstanding the anxiety, unrest and commotion that have been so prevalent throughout the year, we have gone forward with faith and hope and courage. We have not been deterred by the military prowess of our foes, nor have we waivered in our faith of the ultimate outcome of the conflict. In fact, those higher and nobler virtues that have ever actuated and controlled our people in periods of great stress again predominate in the American heart and mind. The invincible, intangible forces of life have a much stronger hold upon us than they had in the pre-war days of our ease and luxury. We are taking life more seriously. This to my mind is the principal cause of the increased interest and activity in Masonry in this country. In the recent conferences in Washington, to which I have already alluded, a tone of optimism prevailed throughout the meetings. The reports of increased interest were most encouraging and I never heard a pessimistic note sounded at any of these gatherings. Masonry without question is making greater progress than it has for several years past."

NEW MEXICO. Grand Master, 1943

The Grand Master reports visiting a number of the Lodges in his jurisdiction, also that he found the attendance far beyond his expectations, and the interest displayed by the brethren, in affairs Masonic, speaks well for the Craft. A net gain of 139 is reported.

CALIFORNIA. Grand Master, 1943

The Grand Master reports that in his judgment the Craft throughout the jurisdiction is in a healthy condition, and shows an increase of 3,193.

Evidently California Lodges do not notify their members of each application received for initiation or affiliation, as the Grand Master recommends that the Lodges be required to notify their members of all applications within ten days after their reception by the Lodge. The notice to carry the full names, residence, and business addresses, and the age and occupations of the applicants. He also states that this is not an innovation, as this practice is carried out in many of the jurisdictions of the United States and all Grand Lodges in Canada, and many of the Grand Lodges throughout the world.

NEW JERSEY. Grand Master, 1943

"In the face of war's afflictions, the general condition of the Craft in New Jersey is good. Despite a membership loss in 1942 of 318 members, the current year undoubtedly will record a gain over the 71,125 brethren on our roster at the beginning of 1943. We express the fervent hope that Lodges will insist that quality of its candidates, rather than quantity, be the motivating influence in adding enrollment. With the world in turmoil, more men turn to Masonry for its spiritual uplift. Let us endeavor to implant that uplift permanently. May the words, "for the duration," never apply to Masonic ideals.

Masonic peace and harmony prevails generally throughout the Lodges. With younger officers called into military service, Past Masters are demonstrating they "can take it" by filling some of the gaps caused by war. Their "re-enlistment" betokens an admirable Masonic fealty."

NEW SOUTH WALES. Pro. Grand Master, 1943

Reports that the Lodges have held their own in a wonderful manner throughout the period of the war, and feels that the policy adopted by the Board of General Purposes and approved by Grand Lodge of not opening any new Lodges during the war, has more than justified itself.

CANADA (in Ontario). Grand Master, 1943

"For the first time since 1931 the report of the Grand Secretary will show a net increase of members for the year ended December 31st. This increase, while small, is very gratifying for several reasons. First, because it has occurred in a year when the number of deaths recorded have, to our sorrow, never been so high in our history. Secondly, the considerably larger number of initiations, as far as one can learn by repeated enquiries, comes in good part from those who have wished for some time to be admitted to our Order but who, through force of circumstances, had not been able to gratify their desires until lately, rather than from candidates who have suddenly desired to become Freemasons. With this increased number of petitions it is, however, necessary to bear ever in mind that wise precept, "Guard well the portals of the Lodge." By so doing some of the mistakes of former years will be avoided. It is easy for officers and members alike, in a readily aroused flush of enthusiasm to make Masons, to overlook some or other of those necessary qualifications which we expect to find in every candidate for admission. Careful scrutiny of applications will be repaid most generously in the more enduring prosperity of every Lodge in which it is exercised. Such scrutiny is particularly desirable into the applications of those who have perhaps the bare minimum of residence qualifications. There is a third reason for gratification in the net increase and that is that it arises not only from an increased number of initiations but is due as well to few resignations, fewer suspensions for non-payment of dues, more restorations and more affiliations. This is all to the good but yet there is much room left for further improvement in these respects.

The general conclusion to be drawn is that in our Masonic Lodges there is a more active interest at work, a keener spirit being exhibited than perhaps has been shown in some of the years of the depression. How to preserve that interest and spirit, how to encourage and even increase their intensity must be the care of every Lodge officer and member who enjoys the benefits and values the privileges of our Order.

This increased interest in Freemasonry, expressed as it is in various ways, would seem to offer a golden opportunity for Lodge committees on Masonic Education by bringing forward and putting into operation well considered plans for interesting instruction. It canont be emphasized too strongly that a Worshipful Master should allow no regular meeting of his Lodge to pass without having a short portion of the evening devoted to instruction. This, I advocate, no matter how great the pressure of Degree work may seem to be."

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND. Grand Master, 1943

The Grand Master reports that from an examination of the records of the twelve Lodges he visited, it appears that the Order is in a satisfactory condition. The tendency to loss in membership has been overcome.

OHIO. Grand Master, 1943

The Grand Master reports that it is his firm conviction that the splendid progress reported, which shows an increase of 6,466 in number of mebers, the excellent spirit which has prevailed, the increased interest among the members, and the devoted services by Masons, are the direct result of leadership and sincerity of the Worshipful Masters and officers of the subordinate Lodges.

SCOTLAND. Grand Master, 1943

"During the past year the number of initiates into Freemasonry in Scotland exceeded 19,500. This was fully 5,000 more than in the preceding year, and while an increase in numbers is always to be welcomed, I feel that the number of 5,000 is rather disquieting. Masters of Lodges and Provincial Grand Masters say that they do not approve of members being rushed through, but it seems to me that they are not taking sufficient steps to check this. I am sure the brethren of Grand Lodge would agree with me that we do wish to have quality rather than quantity—(Applause)—and that we desire to maintain those high standards and ideals of the Craft which has made Freemasonry what it is in the world. There seems to be a prevalent idea among Masters of Lodges that they should try and go one better than their predecessors in the number of candidates that they introduce into their Lodge, and I do hope that Provincial Grand Masters and Masters will in the forthcoming year pay very careful attention to the admission of candidates, see that their proposers and seconders have known them for some considerable time, and in general, scrutinize the entries into the Craft." (Hear, Hear.)

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I should like to refer to another problem which has arisen, and that is with regard to gentlemen from England who want to join the Scottish Craft. As you know, we have a great number of factories in Scotland just now, and many people come up from the south to work in them. Some of them are anxious to join the Craft, but I feel that, as the majority of them are men of middle age, or from thirty to fifty, and have had ample opportunity of joining Lodges south of the border, it is not really in the interests of the Scottish Craft that they should be admitted as brethren of Scottish Lodges. (Applause.)

If they were sufficiently interested in the Craft, they had ample opportunity of joining Lodges south of the border many years ago.

KENTUCKY. Grand Master, 1943

The Grand Master reports that the Fraternity in Kentucky is in excellent condition in every respect, financially, numerically and qualitatively. They have an increase of 3,223 in membership.

QUEBEC. Grand Master, 1943

The Grand Master reports an increase in membership of 102, and that every care has been taken to examine the qualifications of prospective candidates under the present circumstances particularly that our portals are properly safeguarded.

MARYLAND. Grand Master, 1943

"Masonry as a whole has met the challenge brought about by these changed conditions and has revamped its approach to problems presented so as to cope with conditions as they now exist. Necesarily there has been a curtailment of visitations and of the social activity due to the war regulations now in force. We are glad to say that with the partial liberalization of transportation facilities Lodge attendance has increased and officers are enabled to conduct the affairs of the subordinate Lodges in a satisfactory manner. With the induction of a great many of our younger brethren into the armed services of our country, many adjustments have been made in the official line of most Lodges. At the May Communication I stated that Lodges had been asked to designate Past Masters, who could be called upon, to carry on the duties of Worshipful Master of the Lodge; thus far it has not been necessary to avail myself of a most generous response to this request. In a great many instances, however, the present Senior Warden would not be available for the Mastership in the coming year, and it has been necessary to prepare the Junior Warden for an examination as to his proficiency in conferring the degrees and his knowledge of law. I take this means of thanking all who have so generously responded to my call for assistance and assure them that it has been very much appreciated.

It is interesting to note that in times of National stress there seems to be a desire on the part of men for some form of relationship, and the result is, more than the usual influx of members. During and following the first world war this was true, and indications point that the same phenomena will be true in this emergency. Courtesy degrees has been conferred at the request of other Grand Jurisdictions on many initiates, and an increase in our own membership is noted of 377 members. We trust that investigating Committees will perform their duties in a proper manner so that we will not again have the aftermath and a reduction in membership which followed so closely the increase which took place following the first world war."

NEBRASKA. Grand Master, 1943

"Masonic Education has ever been recognized as an important duty of the Grand Lodge. Rightfully, the constituent Lodges look to the Grand Lodge for leadership and program. The need for proper Masonic Education was never greater than at this time when so many young men are seeking the light of Masonry.

The petitioner who knocks at the portals of Freemasonry possesses little knowledge of what lies within. He may have observed the influence of Masonry in the lives of other men. At some time he may have heard that Freemasonry's mission in the world is the building of character in men. If he has thought about it at all his conception of Freemasonry probably is that it is a secret society, composed of men of character and standing. But he really knows little or nothing about the basic ideals, the essential principles or the significant teachings of our Fraternity.

The new brother cannot become enthusiastic about Masonry until he knows something about it. The more a brother learns about Masonry the more interested he will be, and it is only by showing our interest that we can hope to interest a new brother. What is said of the needs of the new brother may also be said of many who have been members for years. Too frequently in the years gone by, and also in many Lodges in this day, the brother is conducted to a seat among the brethren immediately after signing the by-laws of the Lodge, and that is the last he hears about Masonry or Masonic instruction. Compliance with Section 66 of the law is not sufficient to teach even the fundamentals of Masonry. True, the lectures should inspire a brother to think for himself and to cultivate a knowledge of the mystic art, but in the last analysis it is our interest in him that must inspire the desire to know more about the Brotherhood of which he is now a part.

The true Mason labors to help his Order reach its noble ends. But do we teach him what its noble ends are? If we fail to do our duty by providing proper Masonic instruction, we will have only ourselves to blame if our new brother loses interest and drops out when the first financial pinch comes.

Every man carries his purse close to his heart. Only the things that are first there freely untie the strings. As evidence of that go to any football game, any baseball game, or to a sporting event of any kind and observe the thousands who place such things first. Can you imagine any suspensions for non-payment of dues if Masonry occupied first place in every brother's heart."

VERMONT. Grand Master, 1943

The Grand Master in reporting his visitations to Lodges mentions Memphremagog Lodge No. 65 who celebrated Merchants' Night with original ideas resulting in $164.00 being collected for Masonic Service Centres. He suggested that these ingenuous ideas be made available to other Lodges in the State. Promptly a thirty-five page pamphlet was compiled by two members of the same Lodge in sufficient numbers to not only supply every Lodge in this Jurisdiction, but also to supply the Masonic Service Association, and one for every Grand Jurisdiction in the United States.

WAR SERVICE MEMBERS' IDENTIFICATION

The Grand Secretary mailed a letter to be read in each Lodge pointing out the danger of wearing or carrying Masonic identification of any kind when on foreign service, members of the armed forces were requested to deposit same with friendly sources to avoid most unfortunate results in case of capture.

GEORGIA. Grand Master, 1942

KEYNOTE OF ADMINISTRATION

"The idea of giving greater emphasis to community services, charities and benevolences—to being "operative" as well as "speculative" Masons—has been the keynote of my administration. Through addresses and messages, I have appealed to the brethren to carry the principles of Freemasonry into their daily lives—into our homes, our churches, our businesses and our civic affairs—and not leave them, with our aprons, in the Lodge Halls.

In advocating this policy, it was not my thought that we should give less attention to teaching our ancient philosophies through our impressive rituals, but that we should devote more time to spreading the cement of brotherly love throughout the community; to exemplifying our faith by our works. It is my firm conviction that only through such a programme can we justify our existence and perpetuate our noble order.

Those of us who have observed conditions prevailing during the past two decades, are forced to the conclusion that too often our Lodges have become agencies for social gatherings where we could enjoy the entertainment of conferring degrees—when we had candidates.

We contributed to the charity fund and extended alms to some few distressed worth Masons, their wives, widows and orphans. We took pride—and rightfully so—in the knowledge that we were maintaining certain humanitarian institutions. But, our work seldom extended beyond the bounds of this restricted circle."

EXPANDING INFLUENCE

"In my opinion, this situation was responsible, in a large measure, for the lack of interest displayed by many brethren and for the loss in membership year after year. We were hiding our light under a bushel when we should have been letting it shine before men. We were failing to carry out one of the cardinal principles of the order.

Charity, we are told, is the chief cornerstone of our temple. Charity, my brethren, goes beyond merely giving assistance to the needy; true charity extends brotherly love to all—and renders a practical service.

Yes, my brethren, we must carry our Masonry into our homes to strengthen this citadel of civilization and safeguard it against the laxities and unwholesome influences that always follow in the wake of economic, social and political upheavals.

OBLIGATIONS TO YOUTH

From these homes have come the boys who are fighting and dying to preserve our way of life. Unless we can maintain our American concept of the home, their victories will be robbed of much of their glory. The terrible experiences through which they are passing are giving them a better understanding of spiritual values and a greater reliance upon a Supreme Being. Reports trickling back from the fighting front solemnly said: "there were no atheists in the foxholes . . . of Bataan."

We must carry our Masonry into our religious activities to make our churches a more virile force in the spiritual life of the community; to bulwark our communities against the moral let-down and disregard for law that followed our last great war.

We must carry our Masonry into our businesses to bring harmony between employer and employee so that the production and flow of essential war materials may continue uninterruptedly. We must take it into our business to end sharp practices which too often prevail in our commercial dealings.

We must carry our Masonry into our civic affairs to insure a higher type of leadership in public office and keep a firm foundation under our governmental structures. We need only to act as our conscience dictates and not be influenced by prejudice and selfish interests.

No one appreciates or enjoys perfection in the ritual more than I. The moral philosophies taught in the degrees, lectures and charges, have endured through the ages and will continue to endure as long as the world shall last. But, it seems to me we have permitted our working tools to become dulled through disuse. We should carry them with us at all times and use them on all occasions.

Before this war is over, the flower of our young manhood will be in the conflict. We must face the reality that many lives will be sacrificed on the altar of liberty. Others will return home maimed and incapacitated. We have an obligation to them that must be met. Moreover, their places must be filled by today's children, and we must see that these boys and girls have the advantages and opportunities which will qualify them for substantial citizenship in the years to come."

NEW HAMPSHIRE. Grand Master, 1943

"We are passing through one of the severest tests of civilization. Material wealth and human lives are the price of war and it takes its terrible toll. The magnitude of the struggle in which we are engaged is hard for us to comprehend, but this much we do know, that the institutions built on the theory of individual freedom are the pawns in this great game. It is for the preservation of these institutions that we are fighting. If we are to preserve the four freedoms,—freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom from want and freedom from fear,—we can,—we will,—we must, carry on to complete and final victory. When we think our lot is hard, let us remember that ours is the easier task. The youth of the nation are carrying the burden and when the end is here—and may it be soon—theirs will be the glory. May they be influenced by the basic principles of Freemasonry in the establishment of a permanent peace founded on the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man."

SASKATCHEWAN. Grand Master, 1943

"R.W. Bro. S. Burland, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, was introduced by R.W. Bro. J. C. Carter. The Grand master welcomed Bro. Burland as follows:

" 'Daughter am I in my mother's house but mistress in my own.'

"We welcome you as the official representative of our Mother Grand Lodge. Our relations with the Brethren of Manitoba are warm and close—they have always been so and grow more intimate from year to year. Last year when I represented this Grand Lodge at your meeting there were present so many of the Manitoba Brethren that I had known Masonically, socially and professionally that I felt right at home. I trust that you will enjoy that same comfortable and 'homey' feeling among us. Bear back with you to M.W. Bro. Parker and the Officers and members of your grand Lodge our kindest personal regards and fraternal greetings from this Grand Lodge. I invite you to a seat in the Grand East throughout all the sessions."

CONCLUSION

"The year is closed, my Brethren,—an anxious year heavy with the impending doom and tragedy of global strife. Yet, strong in the belief in the justice of our cause and with faith in God we have stood firm until today the clouds of darkness are being dissipated and "we see the light at the end of the tunnel." As did our ancient Brethren "which builded on the wall and they that bear burdens with those that laded, everyone with one of his hands wrought in the work and with the other hand held a weapon and they labored in the work from the rising of the sun till the stars appeared for the people had a mind to work," (Neh. IV-17), so we must unite the sword of Knighthood and the trowel of Masonry in the same impelling service.

War, even a "righteous" war, with hate unloosed and death rampant, poisons people morally. For it the only antidote is the steadfast practice of the Christian ethic as embodied in our Masonic Creed, so well defined over three decades ago by an eminent Brother as follows: "the cause of human progress is our cause; the enfranchisement of human thought our supreme wish; the freedom of human conscience our mission and the guarantee of equal rights to all peoples everywhere the end of our contention." Not only must this be our ideal for the duration but we must carry it over into the even more difficult days of reconstruction. "After the war is won, then will come the challenge to Masonry and the Christian Church and to every character building institution in the land. Then we shall have to build up our ruined civilization by the teachings of Masonry, by education and by character building. Then will be ushered in a great programme of missionary activities to remove from peoples' minds the lies, the poisonous propaganda, the hates and the false standards planted there in these later years."

It is my fond hope and firm belief that, even as Saskatchewan Freemasons have in the past year increased in numbers, so too, have they widened their spiritual horizons; grasped the inner significance and implications of the cause we serve and come to realize that the Masonic philosophy is not a fine spun theory, not an empty profession, but a practical way of life sufficient even unto this day. If that belief is, in fact, universally justified Masonically, then surely will Justice, Right and Truth again triumph over the three assassins—Ignorance, Tyranny and Fanaticism.

For although "the universe is more like thought than thing" and is essentially spirit, it is nevertheless an actual functioning activity. Liberty, Equality and Fraternity though of the Spirit, will survive and operate. The Spirit of the New Order, as of the Old, will be grounded on belief in the Brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God. This is a workable theory,—the ideal and the real must be united to guarantee peace and security. We must have "an indivisible peace" and a positive pragramme. A negative or faltering after-the-war policy will mean certain chaos. To applaud such sentiments is one thing; to practise them another. Men of our Order are of the people who will recreate and renew this spirit of Brotherhood and will put into effect these ideals. In handing the gavel, symbol of power and authority, to our successor, we do so in the firm confidence that with vision and assurance, he will lead us on in this great work which lies ready to our hands.

"No coward soul is mine
No trembler in the world's storm-troubled sphere,
I see Heaven's glories shine,
And faith shines equal, arming me from fear."—Bronte.

It has been our peculiar pride to have been the first Saskatchewan-born Mason to occupy this high office of Grand Master, and in saying farewell as such, we tender heartfelt thanks for a year of great opportunity and rich experience and utter the fervent prayer, "May God bless us everyone."

NOVA SCOTIA. Grand Master, 1943

"We meet on the eve of great events, no less than what may be, and we devoutly pray will be, the final attack on the powers of evil that have all but wrecked this world of ours and our way of life. If ever in the history of mankind a war should be called a Holy War, it is the one in which our Allies and ourselves are engaged at the present time. So much has been said and written as to the justice and righteousness of our cause that it is not necessary for me to labor this subject. The supreme test is at hand and although we would fain put our trust "in reeking tube and iron chard" we know too that "the Lord God omnipotent reigneth" and that it is He who leads us on and inspires our leaders, and that freedom will not perish from the earth.

Victory is of course not yet in sight and the way may be long, and we must yet meet defeats and disaster, but we have been prepared for the ordeal, and there can be no turning back.

But there are other sides to victory; a peace which is insecure can be no peace, and the war will have been lost, and the nations of the world will not have achieved victory, if the old conditions prevail.

All the world is thinking and planning for a "new heaven and a new earth" and the new basis for the hoped-for-world-security must be for some years to come, the subject of discussion and conference, negotiation and convention, declaration and treaty. Only the background of the picture has been sketched in by such statements as the Atlantic Charter, and the speeches of our greatest leaders and statesmen, but it is significant that in these utterances and declarations, the great principles of Freemasonry are either identical with those laid down for the basis of a lasting peace, or so harmonize with them, as to leave no doubt in our minds, that this beloved order of ours is built on the same foundations as Christian civilization itself.

Now that we can see, perhaps only faintly, the shape of things to come, should we all of us not be planning for this better world? Is there not something that we can do as Freemasons? Or are we to have no part in the thinking and planning? Will it be said of us that while we approved of the new building, we had no part in erecting it nor place in it.

I believe that in the time that will be taken in the discussions of peace plans, we should find time to present to our membership, the far-reaching importance of such plans, the basic principles which underlie world-security and world-betterment and thus strengthen and broaden the basis of support which our own leaders in church and state need and should have.

Freemasonry can play a great part in steadying the opinions and effort of our people in the critical days ahead. Let us not be carried away by new fads and fancies, whims and isms, panaceas and shibboleths. Our membership exerts an influence in every community, and if we will, the lodge room can be a power house, where we can generate a wholesome influence for right thinking and square dealing, that will save the fruits of victory which have been so dearly bought by the sacrifice of blood and tears, toil and sweat.

Let us all resolve to support every effort that tends to help restore Peace, Righteousness and Justice."

MINNESOTA. Grand Master, 1943

It is interesting to note that among the distinguished visitors received at this communication were Past Grand Masters G. R. Calvert, John T. Boyd, W. D. Lawrence, W. Douglas, and Harry Woods of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

The ceremony of installing the Grand Lodge officers of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota was conducted by M.W. Bro. Harry Woods assisted by the following: M.W. Bro. W. Douglas as Grand Marshall, M.W. Bro. G. R. Calvert as Grand Chaplain, and M.W. Bros. W. D. Lawrence and John T. Boyd.

The installation was done in a very dignified manner and witnessed by a large attendance. M.W. Bro. Sturtz, who was responsible for the Canadian Brethren performing the Installation Ceremony, having witnessed it last year in Winnipeg, expressed the thanks of the Grand Lodge for their beautiful and impressive ceremony.

M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence, presented the retiring Grand Master with the customary P.G.M. Jewel, appropriate remarks being made by both.

From the Grand Master's Address:

"It is with mingled emotions that I greet you and welcome you to this the Ninetieth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge. When last we met our Nation had been plunged into the greatest of all wars. We were just recovering from the initial shock of Pearl Harbor. The great perfidy of man's treachery, injustice and inhumanity to man had caught us off balance. As we recovered our pois with heads high and hearts courageous one hundred and thirty million Americans exclaimed to God and Country, "Here I am. Send me." We have taken our place beside the God-fearing people of the world resolutely determined our hands had taken the plow and there would be no turning backward. Our lives are linked by chains forged in the righteous fires of eternity in a common purpose to eradicate from the face of the earth the selfishness, greed, barbarism and lust which have emerged from the gates of hell and spread to every corner of our earth.

There are many present who are here for the first time. You have been elected by your lodges to positions of tremendous responsibility. To you I would repeat the admonition which has been given on similar occasions that this is your Grand Lodge, and what is here accomplished redounds to the benefit of every Mason in this jurisdiction and our failures and shortcomings will be reflected on all. There is work to be done. There are decisions to be made. Let us resolve ourselves to the task in the determination that our accomplishments shall be to the glory of God and in the furtherance of His righteousness. Anything less is unworthy the age old traditions of Freemasonry.

For generations we have basked in the reflected glory of those Freemasons who gave their lives and their all that there might be conceived upon this continent a new nation dedicated to liberty and freedom for all. We have taken just pride in the fact that our American constitution, that great charter of liberty, was predominately of Masonic origin. Freemasons would forever remain free men and only free men can ever become Freemasons. For this heritage from our forefathers we are profoundly grateful. The Great Architect of the Universe is calling to our generation to "Quit you, like men, be strong!" To which America replies: "In the name of our God we will take up our banners." Our Fraternity has received the greatest challenge in its history to gird up its loins, to stand for the righteousness and justice and liberty of our civilization. Brethren, I say to you with all the earnestness and seriousness which I possess that this cannot be done if we are to bury our talents and resign our Lodges to inactivity. In the Great Light which rests upon our altar we are told "Where there is no vision the people perish." Unless Masonic Lodges catch the vision of service in friendship, morality and brotherly love in this sadly torn world, they are doomed. This thought is prompted by the sadness which overcame me when I received a communication from a Lodge asking if it might have the Grand Master's approval to suspend all activities for the duration of the war.

Those of you who attended the school of instruction a year ago, will recall I said at that time I am not one-tenth as much concerned with the quantity of Masons in Minnesota as I am with the quality of Masons in Minnesota. I have repeated that statement in every corner of the state. To improve men in Freemasonry has been the theme of my administration. More of that later.

GREETING THE NEW MEMBER

For the past several years it has been the desire of Grand Masters to more closely cement the ties between the Grand Lodge and the members of constituent lodges. Through district schools of instruction, district fellowship meetings, visitations by Grand Lodge officers and district supervisors, much has been accomplished along this line.

At the outset of my year as your Grand Master, it was my wish to send a personal greeting to each newly raised candidate, but upon examination of our procedure, I found it impossible. Names and addresses of such new members are not furnished to the Grand Lodge until the annual reports of constituent lodges are filed in January. It is my belief that a message from the Grand Master to a new Brother, within ten days from the date he is raised, congratulating him on his preferment, encouraging him in his search for further light in Masonry, and recognizing him as a member of the Craft of this jurisdiction, would have a wholesome and beneficial result.

This suggestion has been passed on to the Deputy Grand Master and, I believe, an appropriate resolution to make it possible, will be introduced at this communication. If so, I recommend its adoption."

BRITISH COLUMBIA. Grand Master, 1943

"THE WEST-TO-EAST ARCTIC PASSAGE

In the fall of the year 1942, a crew of eight men under the leadership of Bro. Sergeant Henry A. Larsen in the Canadian Government boat the "St. Roche." completed the first west-to-east voyage made by man from the Pacific to the Atlantic ocean by way of the northern shores of the Dominion.

Theirs was a tale of hardship and heroism—a twentieth century saga. They endured hardships and privations, but all that they did was not for fame or glory, but in the discharge of a plain line of duty. With resourcefulness and endurance, with skill and courage, they brought their long adventure, which lasted for the better part of two years, to a successful completion. Their accomplishments take rank with those of the great explorers of the past. If the world were not so engrossed in a world war now raging, this adventure would have been everywhere acclaimed with universal praise. Newspapers would have regarded it as front page news, and competed with each other in publishing details of the story; magazines would have made it the basis of special articles; scientific societies would have recorded the related historical data, and been eager to award them recognition and honors. These things may come to our brother and his men in due course with the return of peace. I regard it as but just, however, that even in the midst of a struggle that will decide the fate of civilization, they should know that what they have done is regarded with pride and admiration by those aware of the facts.

As citizens of the Dominion we are proud to associate ourselves with a tribute of deserved admiration. But as Grand Master, I felt I think a justifiable and natural pride that what Bro. Larsen has done was done by a Freemason, and, moreover, by a brother of my own Lodge, for he was initiated, passed and raised in Mount Newton Lodge No. 89. I therefore as Grand Master caused a letter to be written to him, had it countersigned by the Grand Secretary, and sealed with the official seal of Grand Lodge, in testimony of the esteem and honor in which he and what he has done is held by the Craft."

TEXAS. Grand Master, 1942

"Masonry has held a very high exalted position in the affairs of men since time immemorial. Great achievements have marked its pathway. Men in every walk of life have been pleased to associate themselves with the Order—from the peasant on the street to Kings, Princes and Potentates.

The principles upon which Masonry was founded are as steadfast and immovable today as when they were written on the tables of stone on Mt. Sinai and heralded down to all generations of free men. We cannot change these principles; we can add nothing to them and dare not take from them. We may accommodate ourselves, our lives and our mode of living to the great moral principles incorporated into this great Order which have withstood all the attacks, all the pressure that could be exerted by hordes of petty tyrants, all the anathema, all the malice and misrepresentations thought up and put into action by men who know not God and cared not for women and children nor for the rights of others. They have spent sleepless nights trying to figure how to eliminate this great Order. These principles will survive all these attacks and when the soulless beasts and mad ravings of the Pagan rulers and totalitarian dictators shall have passed into oblivion, Masonry and the principles for which it stands, and has stood for centuries, will still shine with the brillance of the noon-day sun.

Masonry has exerted a wholesome influence over the world for many centuries. This influence has brought together men of every clime and has even influenced nations. Masonry is a work-house filled with working tools. All the forces at man's disposal or under man's control or subject to man's influence are made for the betterment of the world by them through working tools properly manipulated. Friendship is one of the basic working tools. They knit heart to heart and constitute cohesion. "If the ties of friendship, affection and love were annulled, mankind would become a raging multitude of wild and savage beasts of prey."

To my mind, the basest word in the English language (I do not know what to use in other languages) is selfishness. This word and all it means and stands for, if eliminated from the vocabulary, would stop this frantic war that is now raging all over the world; would remove the necessity for Court Houses, Jails, Peace Officers; would indeed make possible a real Heaven on earth. This one word is responsible, directly or indirectly, for every crime that ever was committed since God said, "Let there be Light." The horrors, ignominies, suffering of untold millions whose lives have been sacrificed to satisfy this selfish spirit that runs rampant.

I have been gravely concerned over the question of the extent of our activities toward our Government in this great crisis we are now facing. I'm not at all concerned or doubtful as to the attitude the Grand Lodge and the more than 100,000 Master Masons of Texas have in mind. I know that they are one hundred per cent. for the life and integrity of our great country. "In such an hour and at such a time, what shall Freemasonry's contribution be in this great struggle." It was Bro. George Washington and his Masonic confreres who incorporated into the very foundation of America the idea of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity. The great Constitution of the United States guarantees these priceless privileges. The great leaders of thought and action have kept alive these sacred principles.

Our Order has never assumed to dictate religious or sectarian ideas of our people or interfere in political questions. We have ever stood for these great principles of Freedom of Worship. These basic working tools have kept afire the dynamic forces of our people that caused Democracy to forge ahead to higher ideals and desires. The totalitarian governments have, and are, trying to place a strangle-hold on our very existence. All the subjugated countries have already been put under the domination of these dictator countries, led by the dominant power of might whose leader is a crack-brain paperhanger, and also is as ruthless and unprincipled as it is possible for a human to be. Nevertheless, these conditions exist and his mad desire to completely annihilate Masonry has placed our Fraternity wholly and entirely on one side of a great struggle. Masonry, in all the years of its existence, has been permitted to act on both sides of all the struggles, but now, the enemies of Freemasonry are also the enemies of America, England and all the great Liberty-loving, God-fearing, free-thinking people of the world. I am very much concerned that the Grand Jurisdiction of Texas, as well as all the Grand Jurisdictions of the world, assume their rightful place and exert every energy to the end that they shall not perish from the earth.

It is my earnest desire that this great beneficent, fraternal order shall be preserved and that when the war clouds shall have vanished from this war-torn world, history shall record the indisputable evidence that Freemasonry's contribution to the final result was more than lip service. Let us strike again and again for God, for Country and for Brotherhood."

MAINE. Grand Master, 1943

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS

"At meetings beyond the state which I have attended, and in Masonic writings which have come to my notice, I sense a trend of thought which will undoubtedly crystallize into action within the next few years. I refer to the generally accepted standards of physical qualifications required for membership in the fraternity now in effect in the several Grand Jurisdictions of the United States. These qualifications, generally stated, are that "every candidate applying for the degrees in Masonry must . . . possess . . . no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of conforming to what the several degrees respectively require of him." While our Grand Lodge Constitution does not use identical language, it conveys practically the same meaning. One Grand Master, speaking on this subject, says:

"Nothing in our constitutions so thoroughly indicates the antiquity of our fraternity as this law, which hearkens back to the Middle Ages, when physical fitness had some justification in the regulations and administration of the operative Guilds of England, considered by many the cornerstone of present Freemasonry. Whatever importance external qualifications assumed in that day has evaporated in the subsequent emphasis placed on internal qualifications by our philosophy. A slight defect under present interpretation of our law, may close the door of fellowship to a man of the highest possible character and integrity, perhaps one a leader in civil life, whose contribution to Freemasonry might be incalculable. Nothing could be more repugnant to the fundamentals of our institution.

"Nor can this travesty be justified by the provision that the Grand Master has the power to issue a dispensation permitting the initiation of one under a physical handicap. Common justice and ordinary fairness dictate that this theory of quality be affirmed or rejected as part of our law, and not foisted, at considerable private sacrifice and expense in interviewing hundreds of applicants, upon the individual you honor by elevation to the exalted office of Grand Master.

"Finally, and, in my humble opinion, conclusively, the dreaded, hateful, and dreary consequence of this gigantic military struggle, undoubtedly, will be the return to this State and Nation, of too many men, constituting the very flower of our manhood and citizenry, and precisely within the range of age from which Freemasonry should draw its future enrollments, with physical defects incurred in the defense of this democracy.

"Are we going to cheer their return, and pay homage to their courage and stamina which kept this country safe for us, and then slam the doors of our lodges in their faces, because their heroic defense of us brought them the sacrifice of some physical member? Are we going to say to these heroes 'You were good enough to protect me and mine, but you are not fit to be a Mason because in that defense you lost an arm, or a leg, or your sight?' Are we going to say to them and to the world at large that the bonds of fraternity and recognition between Master Masons is physical and not mental? Or are we going to practice our creed, and search a man's soul, and nothing else, to ascertain whether he is worthy to be our brother!

"I submit, that to automatically eliminate an applicant from membership because of physical disqualification unassociated with his mental, moral and spiritual worth, is unworthy of an institution 'more ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle, more honorable than the Star and Garter or any other order that can be conferred upon you at this or any future period by prince, potentate, or any other person except he be a Mason.' And I give it you strictly in charge that the eyes of an otherwise friendly world gaze upon us with growing distrust because of such a peurile and illogical fixation. Let us turn our backs on the darkness of the past, and face a glorious future unashamed and unafraid. Above all, let us not confuse precedent with justice. Let us, rather, have the simple courage to do what is right. May moral qualifications, alone and forever, be the open sesame to the treasure house of Freemasonry!"

The foregoing has been presented solely as food for thought and as matter for reflection, because the trend in this direction is growing ever stronger, and may in the future come before this Grand Lodge for serious consideration."

NEW ZEALAND. Grand Master, 1942

"Masonry has always appealed to me as a living reality of brotherly love, of years of building up of ties of friendship, rich in memories of sheer delight and pleasure in endeavoring to put into effect those ideals for which our beloved Order stands. One of our fundamental principles, "The Brotherhood of Man," is a fraternal tie—association for mutual help, community of feeling. These should tend to bind us in a bond of true friendship lasting through all times.

In my quiet moments I have often pondered and asked myself the question: Why do men love Masonry? What lure leads them to it? What spell mysteriously holds them to it through long years? We sit in lodge together, each knowing exactly what will come next, and somehow, no one knows how, a tie is woven, light as air, yet stronger than steel. It is very strange, very wonderful, no one truly knows what it is, or how, or why, unless it be the long Cable Tow of God running from heart to heart.

During the past three years, when war has raged throughout the world, letting loose all that is vile in man, when suffering and sorrowing, pain and misery have spread in so many homes, when our lives have been torn with worries and anxieties, we have found in Masonry that solace and comfort, that peace, which has enabled us to overcome that stress of mental tension which might otherwise have bowed us down.

Centuries have passed since the prophets of old foresaw from the heights of Hebrew vision the end of war. Faint and remote such visions must have seemed in those far-away centuries, but it meant much that men dreamed such dreams. Wars many, wars horrible, have come and gone since then, the present war more horrible than the rest, but the vision still glows and abides. Let us ask at once the fundamental question: Are such visions idle dreams or divine inspirations? In my opinion they must be one or the other, and it makes all the difference which they are as to how we labor for the good of mankind and what hope we have of its future. If these visions are only fancies born of the ferment of our minds, revived in our day by our present pain and tragedy, then we have before us a vista of endless and increasing strife, each war more frightful than the last, with interludes of bickering and bargaining and balancing of power. No man can face such a future without dismay. The mighty prophets at least did not believe that they were duped by such delusions, much less that they were following a forlorn hope. Where others saw only the human factors in the situation, they discerned deeper influences at work, and upon the reality of the Creative Goodwill they based their hope. For it is faith on which all turns—faith in God, faith in humanity, faith in moral forces, in the might of spirit to rule flesh, of light to dispel darkness, of sympathy to overcome suspicion, and of the future to free us from the blood-rusted fetters of the past. If there be no reserves of divine help on which we can draw, no springs of power in human nature yet untapped, the case is hopeless. But as we are confident of a God who dwells in humanity and that man does exist for ends other than trade or strife, then we may have hope of a future free from the menace of war, ruled by moral intelligence and practical goodwill. Of this nobler world our gentle Craft is a prophet seeking to realize on a small scale a Society where goodwill is law and fraternal righteousness is habit. It is the enemy of all that makes for enmity between man and man, class and class, nation and nation, striving to create a nobler mind, a gentler mood, and a more generous sympathy. It believes that there is a better man in men who sleeps in every human heart, waiting to be summoned to the service of a juster and more merciful society. Its appeal is to the better angels of our nature, to the true wisdom which knows the futility of hate, the failure of force and the insanity of greed—the wisdom of love profounder than all philosophies.

The symbolism of our Craft is simple, sublime, and eloquent. It teaches the highest truths by the humblest emblems. Its whole genius is friendship, toleration, and appreciation, the friend of all influences, toiling to build men up and to build them in the spirit of fraternal goodness. Its whole purpose is to unite men, not to divide them—to join them in the quest of truth and the service of the moral ideal. Our lodges are centres of light in a dark world, where men of all races, ranks, and creeds meet in the name of a better humanity, a simple faith, a wider justice, and a creative goodwill.

Masonry stands before the world today with no apologies to offer for its ideals and aspirations, the measurements for which are to be found in the Holy Bible which lies open on the altar of our lodges, our fundamental principles being based upon the holy writings contained therein. Let us, therefore, as Freemasons, endeavor so to live, that the ideals and symbolism of our Craft may be personified in our daily actions, and let us put into practice in all sincerity that new commandment to "Love one another."

Honor all Men.
Love the Brotherhood.
Fear God.
Honor the King."

VICTORIA. Grand Master, 1942

"Brethren, I am sure that you all share my regret that the auspices attending my Installation as Grand Master are not more favorable. There has never been a time in the history of our nation when the clouds have been darker, the outlook more grave, and the sense of national peril more acute than they are at present. This is neither the time nor the occasion for elaborating the reasons for that statement, which are only too obvious. Our task is to meet the future as men and as Masons, drawing upon those resources of fortitude and fellowship which are so characteristic of our great institution, and which we have been storing, consciously and unconsciously, throughout our Masonic life for just such a need as this. The call has come to us all to serve our country with all that we have and all that we are, and, Brethren, that call will not come to Freemasons in vain. We are proud to know that so many of our members are today wearing the King's uniform, and are standing, ready and eager, to defend all that we hold dear. We remember them now, and pray for their safety and the speedy victory of their arms.

But we, who cannot serve as they are serving, must do more than remember and pray; we must all stand behind them and support them to the utmost by our efforts and our sacrifice. It is unnecessary for me to urge you to do everything possible for the comfort and assistance not only of our own men, but of all members of the Allied services who may be in our midst. Let us show them just how thoughtful and how hospitable Victorian Freemasons can be. Nor is there any real need for me to call my Brethren's attention to the necessity for personal service to our country in this its time of need. I feel that there is hardly a man present tonight who is not already engaged in some form of national service, and who is not willing to accept cheerfully any further burdens which may be imposed upon him for the sake of the great cause for which we are fighting. The Government of this country will find nowhere citizens more loyal than its Freemasons.

We proclaim again with pride our loyal devotion to the person and throne of His Most Gracious Majesty the King, and our confidence that the great British Empire, to which we are so proud to belong, will weather the storm which is now raging so fiercely, but which can never beat down and destroy the bastions of truth and justice. It may be that we in this sunny land will be called upon to face a severe ordeal, an ordeal by bombs and bullets. Should that be so, let us hope and pray that we may face it with the same calm courage and heroic determination with which our Brethren in Britain faced their great ordeal, and by which they emerged, battered but victorious, from the Battle for Britain; and let us never forget, Brethren, that that same Britain still fights on, and will continue to fight on, until final victory is won.

Now what should be our attitude to our Lodges in these days? I am convinced that we must keep our Masonic flag flying; that we must keep our Lodges open if only as a witness to our faith in the eternal verities which are the basis of our order. Attendance at Lodge meetings will involve some hardship and inconvenience, and for that reason the rules concerning the necessity for the wearing of evening dress have been relaxed to some extent to meet the altered conditions. But this must not mean that the dignity and decorum of our meetings will be affected, nay, rather it should make us all the more careful to see that these Masonic characteristics are maintained and enchanced. Personally, I shall be sorry to see impaired that uniformity of dress which is so characteristic of our order, and I trust that as many Brethren as possible will attend their Lodge meetings, and particularly Installations, in evening dress. However, I fully recognize the necessity for making some temporary concession, as it is better in these days that Brethren should attend in lounge suits than not at all.

It may be that some Lodges will find it necessary to curtail the number of meetings, especially in country districts, where travelling is becoming increasingly difficult. However, Brethren, we must keep our Lodges intact as bright oases in a desert of strife, where we shall maintain our great principles of morality and fellowship until the storm has passed and the battle is won. The words of the Grand Master of England, His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, may well be quoted in this connection:

> "I am well aware that in the present circumstances our Masonic duties cannot be undertaken without much personal inconvenience and even sacrifice, but it is a sacrifice well worth making. Our Order is one of which we can be justifiably proud. We must remember, however, that Freemasonry, like many other institutions, is undergoing a test at the present time. It is in days of stress that the real strength of a society is demonstrated, but I am confident that the combined efforts of every individual Brother will ensure that our Order will emerge intact, refined by the fire of adversity."

This, Brethren, is a precedent we may well follow with confidence.

Yes, my Brethren, the times call loudly and clearly for unity. Let us set an example of unity within our own ranks, and wherever our influence is felt let us strive to counteract all bitterness and useless recrimination with a unity of spirit and purpose among all parties and classes, among all parts of our Empire, among all the nations which are allied to bring down the aggressors and to restore peace to our stricken world.

Brethren, we are not fighting alone. Our Masonic faith, if it means anything, must mean this: That we are fighting for those principles which belong to God; we are fighting His battles, and He will not forsake us. "I said to the man who stood at the gate, of the year: 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown,' and he replied: 'Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the hand of God; that shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.' "

He is our supreme reservoir of courage; He is our final reason for facing the future clearly and courageously, calmly and confidently. We can be confident that His divine verities and virtues, for which Freemasonry stands, and upon which it is based, will at last dispel the darkness of human tragedy and open up a broader and brighter realm, over which brotherly love, relief and truth shall in the end prevail."

"These things shall be, a loftier race
Than e'er the world hath known shall rise.
With flame of freedom in their souls
And light of knowledge in their eyes.
Nation with nation, land with land,
Unarmed shall live as comrades free:
In every heart and brain shall throb
The pulse of one fraternity."

MASSACHUSETTS. Grand Master, 1942

"Many matters of interest and of concern to the Fraternity might be presented to you today, but I am going to call to your attention and ask you to consider only those things that seem to me of immediate importance.

"The perception and performance of our duty to our country and to humanity in this hour of gravest peril is our paramount interest. It should be the central thought and feature of our deliberations today. The all-important question is, how can we best serve individually and collectively to advance the success of our Army and Navy and those of our Allies in the great cataclysm of a world-wide war.

"Let service be our watchword—not a service alone of the lips, but translated into living expression—a mighty energy of patriotic endeavor. Through the close comradeship and communion of our associations here today, through the reassertion of our trust in God and our love for our fellow men, may we go away with our sympathies quickened, our vision clearer and broader, strengthened in every noble and fraternal impulse and resolve.

"The presentation of examples and opportunities of service will encourage and inspire us and steel our determination to prove worthier of the glad privilege and sacred trust of our Masonic membership."

No words of mine could better express the thoughts which well up within me as we meet now for the first time after the initial and benumbing shock of Pearl Harbor has given way to the sterner realization of its far-reaching implications and the sobering knowledge of the tremendous task that lies before us.

Oh, my Brethren, I know how upon every side you hear you see, you are called upon to feel the immeasurable sacrifices we all must make of money, of time, of effort, of those innumerable luxuries which have become so much a part of our very existence that we believe them necessaries of life. Yes, I know that many of us are aweary of what we feel is this constant preaching and insatiate urging in the press, over the radio, from the pulpit and platform. "Have done," we cry, "we are conscious of our responsibilities, but point the way and we will follow. Lead us, give us leadership and you shall not want for followers." Many of us wish that we might come here within these hallowed walls blacking out the warring world beyond, lift up our common voice in prayer and praise and reaffirm our firm faith that only as we learn and practice the true brotherhood of man may we approximate an understanding of the real fatherhood of God.

Yet as men and as Masons we must in times like these be sternly realistic. We do not indulge in senseless exaggeration if we recognize that the safety and the very existence of our Country and our Fraternity rest upon the outcome of the present struggle. We love them both, let us live for both—let us, if need be, die for both.

MASSACHUSETTS. Grand Master, 1942

LODGES UNDER EMERGENT CONDITIONS

"At our June Communication, I called to your attention the possible effects upon our Lodge activities of the gas restrictions and tire rationing. I ventured the opinion that these regulations would continue beyond the temporary period then proposed and might become more drastic. With that thought in mind, I offered certain suggestions relative to the official visitations of our District Deputies which might enable them to carry on as nearly normal as possible and yet without too much inconvenience. I am happy to say that without exception our Deputies have signified their intention to proceed in such a way that the official visitations will be held much as in the past. In but a few instances will there be any necessity to depart from our normal programme.

"The intensification of war activities has posed new problems which may have no single nor uniform solution but which may profitably be presented to you for your information and consideration.

"Dimouts. Regulations, affecting principally the Eastern seaboard areas, requiring all automobile traffic to proceed after nightfall at a very reduced rate of speed, usually not more than fifteen miles per hour, and then only with low beam lights on dimmers, affect to some extent, even though indirectly, our Lodge activities. Where the automobile is the generally accepted if not the only adequate means of transportation to and from the lodge rooms, such regulations, necessary though they may be, create an additional hazard to all who must travel after dark. There is no way that such hazards may be eliminated but I believe they can be lessened if the officers of our Lodges time their meetings so that the closing may take place at an early hour.

"I have always felt, and frequently stated, that no Lodge meeting should extend beyond ten o'clock. If every meeting is planned carefully in advance, started promptly at the stated hour and arranged with sufficient flexibility to allow for unseen contingencies, I see no reason why this cannot be accomplished. Particularly I stress starting promptly at the stated hour. One who has hurried through his evening meal at home or who has remained down town, dining alone, in order to be present at the opening of a scheduled seven-thirty meeting is not apt to be agreeably minded if the meeting finally gets under way at eight-fifteen. In Lodge matters it is an act of courtesy to start promptly; it is an act of kindness to close seasonably. And this applies with equal force to sodalities or rehearsals.

"Blackouts. Those of you who were in Boston or in its more immediate environs last night experienced a surprise blackout, the first siren signals for the air wardens sounding shortly after nine-thirty and the siren signals for the blackout proper shortly aften ten. As I listened, I wondered what effect these wailing warnings might have on the rather unusually large number of meetings which were being held in this Temple. Some of these Lodges were at that time at work, some perhaps at a business meeting, others it may be at refreshment. Perhaps in every Lodge there were members and officers who were air wardens in the immediate or more remote areas.

"Lodges should carry on as normally as may be in these abnormal times. Our English Brethren, I have direct information, have done so—indeed, meetings have continued while actual air raids were in progress. But we must be sensible as well as zealous. No Lodge or Master of a Lodge would of course want to expose any member to even possible danger. Above all, every member when needed will answer every call. Hence it becomes of the utmost importance that we plan carefully and well in advance to meet every foreseeable contingency. Therefore, I venture the following suggestions:

"I suggest first, as I suggested to the District Deputies this morning, that the Master find out in advance the names of those among his officers who may be inconvenienced by reason of the warning signal and arrange for a suitable substitute to carry on whenever his absence should seem desirable. Whenever an alarm comes, all who have civic duties elsewhere should be immediately excused, whatever station they may be occupying.

"I shall leave to the sound judgment and good discretion of the Masters of the Lodges whether the Lodge should forthwith be closed. I most emphatically urge, however, in this connection that you err on the side of safety rather than carry on under conditions which might prove uncomfortable, to say the least. I believe that no great harm will be done whenever an unannounced blackout comes—and we cannot of course under those circumstances be sure whether it is a test or otherwise—if the Master or the presiding officer of the particular Lodge should close his Lodge forthwith.

"I must point out, however, that once work is interrupted and the Lodge is closed, candidates must receive the entire degree from the very beginning at some subsequent meeting. In other words, even though a single section of one of the degrees may have been completed and the candidate is merely waiting for a subsequent section, if the Lodge be closed, the first section of that degree must again be conferred before the second can be given to the candidate. I know that you will not feel that this is an unreasonable requirement. It is intended for the benefit of the candidate, for I think you will all appreciate that if the candidate loses the continuity of the work he is very apt to lose a great deal of the benefit of the degree which he might otherwise receive. At best, it is difficult for him to remember that which he has received, and where there is an interruption of days, we can readily see that he has perhaps forgotten what may be the most important to remember.

"And so I want to stress that if a Lodge is closed while only a part of the degree has been conferred, the entire degree must be repeated on this particular candidate at some subsequent meeting.

"Next, whenever the warning signal comes, the Master should proceed to satisfy himself that no lights will be visible to the outside. In some temples this is obviously so, but in many it is not so certain. In case of any doubt, all lights must be extinguished. It is not necessary for the Lodge to be closed. It is entirely permissible for the presiding officer to go from labor to refreshment in order that he may ascertain, so far as he may, what are the real conditions and thereupon decide whether to close the Lodge or to await further developments."

IOWA. Grand Master, 1943

"We have carried on under many difficulties—gas and tire rationing and transportation troubles of various kinds --and yet, I want at this time to express to all of you my sincere appreciation for the way you have kept the fires of Masonry alive during these trying times.

I have experienced in my visitations your interest in your various lodges and their activities, and have had many evidences of your abiding faith in the ultimate triumph of the principles of Masonry.

To me, it has been gratifying to note the fine number of petitions you have received, convincing anyone that Masonry stands out as a beacon light in this war-torn world. This should make us realize more deeply than ever the great responsibilities resting on each one of us, to God, our Country, our neighbor, and ourselves, that we may do our part in every emergency, that peace and concord may at last reign between all men and all nations.

The year 1942 showed an increase in membership of 724. While this is not very large, it shows that at least we have again taken an upward turn, and from all reports of petitions received and work being done we should have a further and more substantial gain in 1943."

WYOMING. Grand Master, 1943

This Institution, erected to God and dedicated to the Holy Saint John, continues to serve in Wyoming as an American institution should while our country is at war. At this time we meet to consider and hear of the various activities and functioning of our Grand Jurisdiction, as well as that of outside or foreign brethren and to find more inspiration so that the future may hold more for us and mankind than has the past.

Masonic fellowship, old friendships renewed and profitable intermingling at this Grand Lodge should be the pleasure of each of us. We must all enjoy and benefit by the deliberations. To continue to be a progressive science, Masonry must be promoted by us in whose charge is placed, probably the greatest responsibility. To do this work better we need to profit by the experiences of one another. Some need at times a renewed faith in Freemasonry. Few of us but who need the assistance of our fellowmen and brothers to lead a full life, or to be Masons worthy of the commendations for which we all strive. We must improve our time and talents, and in this rapidly changing age should have much concern of the heritage we have upon our shoulders.

Our Fraternity is Ancient but to keep it Honorable is the obligation passed down to you and me. The lessons of our degrees we must digest, and diligently and habitually practice. Then will we fulfill our full duty as officers and leaders in the Craft.

The past few years have produced epic events that well may shape the destiny of the world for centuries to come. In Wyoming much progress has been made since 1874, but it is possible for much to be undone in a short period of time. To guard against this we must more closely bind ourselves together and cement—as we as builders well may do—one another into one "common mass" that our age and civilization will not have deteriorated.

About one there is so much strife and turmoil; jealousy and intrigue; and each day brings more pertinent news of the tremendour problems faced by mankind living abroad. We must rededicate and reconsecrate ourselves as Freemasons to live up to the principles and obligations of Freemasonry—not only to perpetuate its existence but that such ideals will permeate, to a degree, the peoples of the world in which we live.

We have much pride in our institution, but can we meet its problems? To meet them we must study and progress as we continually build. Only then shall we have fulfilled our duty in the Fraternity. Masonry will flourish if we will but truly do our duties.

While Freemasonry allows no innovations, it is a progressive science, and it must progress. None of us expect or desire that we be too zealous for activity or functions, but it is necessary that we have for ourselves, as one needs his family, new and different affairs of interest and occasions that will attract our members and friends.

While I do not pretend to be able to formulate or suggest a solution for the thought, one is often astounded at the number of fine brothers who take but little active interest in Masonry and its lodges quite soon after being made Master Masons. I am sure that practically every one has our interests at heart, that he loves the Fraternity and is sympathic with it and our workers and leaders.

I do not condone this lack of desire to delve into our mysteries, to respond to the urge he certainly has and to an extent support a certain share in the labors we need done. But you and I should make every effort to make more attractive for that man our activities so that he is induced to love the life as you and I do.

We will have given him those three degrees and taught him the fundamentals. But, his failing to grasp the full significance of their allusions is possibly sometimes excusable. So let us not relax and sit back in satisfaction because follow-up exertions by us is, indeed, often required.

Our Masonic lives may be in an entirely different realm than that of many fine brothers, and if it requires something different to satisfy him, it is our job to seriously consider seeing that he is given that which may be somewhat foreign in our estimation and habits. I contend that we must not let our lodges become stale and dull.

It IS possible for us to get stale in our "work" and it is sincerely suggested that we carry on with morale building get-together social life as well as educational events.

We know that with one another here we have the unalienable rights which God intended we should have. We can think for ourselves and are assured that we may have our own views on all matters whether religious, political or philosophical."

WISCONSIN. Grand Master, 1943

"The impact of global war upon the whole social and economic order has had its repercussions upon organized Masonry. The lodge system pursues the even tenor of its convential ways, true to form, but military absence and war work and the restiveness that reflects a national upheaval have seriously broken our attendance records everywhere.

Let us not fail to distinguish between Masonry in its organized form and the personal persuasions which have come to us by virtue of our Masonic training. I believe it to be an indisputable proposition that we think more of Masonry in times of stress than they do in the course of their normal pursuits. In misfortune, in sickness, in death, the fraternal aspects of Masonry generally hold to function effectively and visibly. The cultural and spiritual values of Masonic training are such intangibly personal matters as not to be subject to appraisal except by each individual for himself. We can judge them imperfectly by the vast amount and the quality of literature which Masonry has inspired in the course of the years.

The most convincing proof of the effect of Masonry upon its votaries and the indirect effect of Masonry upon men who are not Masons is the indisputable fact that during the first World War, and in the period that immediately followed, more than a million men came knocking at the tiled doors of American Masonry for admission. The stresses and strains and the dislocations of the social and economic order of that time are now in the process of repetition. Again we find the petitioners standing in line for the Masonic degrees with a constantly increasing clamor to be admitted.

Young men are going off to war. Masonic fathers and friends who have never been disturbed themselves about petitions and degrees suddenly insist that the rules be set aside to hasten the process of making a Mason of the man who is to be made a soldier. Scores of requests pour in for dispensations to grease the machinery of the degree mill, but there are many more who refrain from petitioning for dispensations because of the known reluctance to grant them.

It is a most interesting manifestation of one of the aspects of our Masonic system. There are many inferences to be drawn from this suddenly increased demand for Masonic degrees. It is evident that the uses of Masonry become more apparent during a national disturbance.

Your Grand Master is not impatient with these requests for dispensations however frequently he may deny them. Each such request presents a new opportunity to emphasize the dignity of the ancient usages of the craft and the importance of making haste very slowly; of the dangers of repeating the errors of the first World War and of the unrelenting insistence on the proficiency of the aspirants for Masonic honors."

MISSISSIPPI. Grand Master, 1943

"During the past few years we have learned, full well, how much the world can be affected by the economic, industrial and social changes which have been taking place all about us. Such changes are not a new condition. The world has always been constantly changing. But not within the memory of the present generation has there ever been such a combination of changing forces acting in such close harmony with each other. Nothing has escaped, nothing has remained untouched. We are foolish if we attempt to delude ourselves on that point. And, whether we like it or not, we must admit that this combination of changes has affected us as a Fraternity.

But I am not pessimistic as to the outcome, nor am I unduly concerned about the possibility of the survival of Freemasonry. I believe it is here to stay, for God still lives. But if it is to have as much influence in the future, as its marvelous influences has been in the past, you and I must give constructive leadership in the guidance of thought and action and we must give ourselves, wholeheartedly, to the task of promoting the usefulness and to increasing the influence of our time honored Fraternity."

FREEMASONRY

"Freemasons may well ask, 'What is to be the future of the craft?' Everything advances, improves, broadens and Freemasonry must keep step with the march of mankind or fall by the wayside. Masonry must adapt itself to the demands of the age in order to be effective in the fulfillment of the great purpose for which it exists and which alone can justify its existence. If, therefore, our young men are to serve Freemasonry, and make it effective for its high and noble end, they must be taught what Freemasonry is, whence it came, what it brought to us from the remote past, and what it is trying to accomplish so we can apply its spirit and teachings to the problems of the day. While carefulness in the selection of candidates will, at least to considerable extent, eliminate the opportunist, the vain and selfish hypocrite, it requires an effective programme of Freemasonry education to arouse interest among the brethren in order to overcome that inertia and apathy which paralyzes Masonic thought and action.

The future of Freemasonry lies in the bringing of the wisdom of the past to the service of the present, in teaching the truth which makes men free "with malice toward none, with charity for all." Thus showing in the quality of our private lives and by public service what Freemasonry means, and if rightly understood, the kind of citizens it produces.

In short, we must form Freemasonry into a body of men initiated, obligated and trained to make liberty, justice and brotherly love prevail, to attain the truth, and to serve our fellows, our country and mankind in the noblest destiny of man."

ENGLAND. Board of General Purposes, 1943

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of England.

INSTALLATION OF THE M.W. THE GRAND MASTER, THE RT. HON. THE EARL OF HAREWOOD, K.G., G.C.V.O., D.S.O.

"The Board records with satisfaction the success of the Especial Grand Lodge held at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, June 1st, for the purpose of installing M.W. Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Harewood, K.G., as Grand Master.

The presence of M.W. Bro. His Majesty the King, who graciously performed the ceremony of Installation, greatly enhanced the importance and dignity of the occasion, and has given profound satisfaction and encouragement to Freemasonry throughout the world.

It was a great disappointment to the Craft generally that existing circumstances rendered it impossible for the ceremony to be held in a manner befitting the importance of the occasion. The comparatively small attendance did not detract from the impressiveness and solemnity of the proceedings, which were carried out in the Temple which so adequately provided the appropriate setting for the time honored ceremonial.

Owing to the restriction it was necessary to place on the attendance, it was only possible to extend invitations outside our own Jurisdiction to small Deputations from the Home Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland.

NEW YORK. Committee on Foreign Correspondence, 1943

"There has been created in London, England, a National Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia in Exile. This Grand Lodge has received permission from the United Grand Lodge of England to continue with certain restrictions imposed upon it by the latter Grand Lodge.

Being composed of representatives of the National Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia, formerly recognized by the Grand Lodge of New York, your Committee recommends that it be granted temporary recognition, reserving to ourselves the right to review the situation further when the situation changes."

NEWFOUNDLAND. District Grand Master, 1943

"Masons have always been, and will always be devoted to the principles of mortality, justice, freedom and the building of personal integrity. Never before in the history of our lives has the world and its inhabitants faced the serious and far reaching problems now confronting us. The world seeks men of courage, and men of honest convictions, men who have not lost faith, and willing to stand up for morality, decency and the preservation of the ideals of Freemasonry. The world now, as never before, needs the principles of our ancient institution.

Let us therefore "Be strong and courageous, be not afraid or dismayed for the King of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him for there are more with us than with him."

May we constantly keep before us the motto of Freemasonry chosen centuries ago "God is our Guide" and if we faithfully do so, Freemasonry will be perpetuated to guide mankind on its journey through life as it has served to guide all those who have travelled before us on the road to eternity all down the ages.

NEW MEXICO. Grand Master, 1943

"The Grand Master reports that having received information through reliable Masonic sources that a number of the brethren from Czechoslovakia had met in London, England, and had organized the Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia in Exile, the committee on Foreign Correspondence, unanimously agreed to grant immediate recognition. The Grand Representative was authorized to advise the Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia in Exile of the action taken by this Grand Lodge."

MISSOURI. Grand Master, 1943

MASONIC REHABILITATION IN EUROPE

"Freemasonry has had distressing experiences in various European countries during the war. It is recommended that this Grand Lodge express itself as being favorably inclined toward early and thorough study, by its officers, of the problems of rehabilitation of Freemasonry in Europe and of the practicability of assistance from Grand Lodges of the various jurisdictions of the United States in connection with such rehabilitation."

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. Board of General Purposes. 1943

MOST WORSHIP GRAND MASTER

"The interest evinced in the Installation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master by his former Grand Lodge was shown in a message of congratulation conveyed to Most Worshipful Brother His Excellency Sir C. Malcolm Barclay-Harvey, K.C.M.G., by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, of which our Grand Master was formerly a Provincial Grand Master.

EMERGENCY DIRECTIONS

"Owing to the increasing difficulty through war-time conditions of obtaining plain white lambskins used in the preparation of aprons in conformity with Constitution 196, the Most Worshipful Grand Master has approved the following recommendation of the Board to be added to the list of Emergency Directions adopted by the Grand Lodge at the 1942 April Communication.

Aprons may be made of linen instead of plain white lambskin, to conform in every other respect to the provision of Constitution 196, with the exception that the tassels may be made of other material than silver.

This direction is to be considered entirely as a provision for a substitute during the present emergency and such substitute is to be replaced by the apron as defined by the Constitution when the emergency passes.

PROPER CLOTHING

"The attention of the Board has been directed to the contravention of Constitution 196, relating to the aprons which are to be worn by Brethren who subscribe to the provisions of this Jurisdiction. Constitution 181 lays down that certain clothing and insignia shall be worn by the Craft and no Brother shall, on any pretence, be admitted into the Grand Lodge, or any subordinate Lodge, without his proper clothing.

The infringement is obviously due to the want of knowledge on the part of Brethren affiliating from other Grand Lodges where aprons differ in color and design.

Wearing an apron for which provision is made by Constitutions is a rule that must be observed and no power exists to allow any deviation from that provision.

A Master of a Lodge, when admitting an affiliate, should discreetly advise the Brother to this effect if the occasion requires it.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. Board of General Purposes, 1943

"That Constitution 106 in the Book of Constitutions (1935 edition) be amended:

By inserting immediately after line 4 on page 80 the following words and figures:

> '9. Are you, or have you ever been, a member of, or in any way connected with, the Order of the Eastern Star or Order known as "Co-Masonry," or any other organization which is quasi-masonic or imitative of Freemasonry or which is regarded by the Grand Lodge as irregular or incompatible with the Craft?'
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> '10. If so, state full particulars of the name of each such organization and the date and nature of your connection with it.' "

The mover explained that Constitution 106 related to the Declaration in connection with the intended proposition of a candidate for Freemasonry. Eight questions were at present contained in the Declaration, and the object of the amendments was to add two more. These had also to be answered by an applicant for initiation. Similar amendments had been made to its Constitution by the Grand Lodge of England.

Seconded and carried.

The Grand Registrar then moved the further amendment of Constitution 106, as follows:

"By striking out the words 'known the said Candidate for a period of not less than twelve months' in lines 19 to 21 on page 80 and inserting the following words and figures in lieu thereof:

> 'personal knowledge of the Candidate for a period of not less than twelve months immediately preceding the date hereof, and that in accordance with the provisions of Constitutions 102 and 102b we have made due inquiry into his character and qualifications and are severally prepared to vouch in open Lodge for his character and fitness to become a Freemason.' "

The object of this amendment, added V.W. Bro. Abbott, was to require the intended proposer and seconder of a candidate to certify that they had known him personally for twelve months and that they could vouch for his character and fitness to become a Freemason."

Seconded and carried.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. Grand Master, 1943

"The next point on which I should like to touch deals with the presentation of jewels. On February 27th of this year, the manufacture of jewellery was prohibited by Government order. This prohibition covered the manufacture of jewellery of any form in gold or any other material, except wedding rings, and this, therefore, includes Past Masters' jewels and even jewels used in other degrees as part of regalia. Our attention was directed by the Department of War-Organization of Industry to the breach of the law which would occur if lodges knowingly purchased jewels manufactured since the date of the order.

"To warn our lodges of the gravity of the position, a circular was forwarded informing them of the circumstances under which jewels may be purchased. It appears, however, from information received from the Department that although lodges may be acting in good faith in the purchase of jewels there may be a possibility of an evasion of the law. To avoid even the slightest suspicion of this, I have been asked to emphasize the responsibility devolving on us by recommending lodges to suspend all presentation of jewels until the above order is cancelled, unless they are perfectly certain of their position. I think that all lodges will agree that Freemasons, of all people, cannot allow the slightest suspicion to arise that they are not loyally observing the laws of the land, and they will agree with the attitude the Board has taken in the matter.

"Also the suspension of the presentation of jewels is one way in which we can practise the economy which is demanded of us at the present time. Another way is by keeping our expenditure on the festive board, both after ordinary meetings and installation ceremonies, as low as we possibly can. We fully recognize the value of the festive board, and the benefit derived from this form of fraternal social intercourse during the war, but these festive occasions do offer an opportunity to practise that austerity which the times demand. Many lodges are already doing this, and contributing the amount thus saved to war efforts, an example which is to be commended to all."

NEW JERSEY. Grand Master, 1943

"A full year of global conflict has passed since last we met here. It has been twelve months of readjustments to the necessarily proper demands of a nation whose ideals and freedoms are under attack by Schickelgrubian forces. To the winning of the war Masons, as true Americans, subordinate all other effort. Our Axis enemies are determined ruthlessly to erase from this globe those three great principles of Religion, Democracy and Fraternity. With even greater determination we here are resolved to retain them. To that end, your Grand Master has focused an all-out effort during his administration. To that end, we have endeavored to pursue a policy designed to keep forever lit the lamps of light, of truth, and of brotherhood. To that end, your Grand Master asks your co-operation here and now in breaking long precedent by streamlining this session to a single day to accord with war conditions. To that same end, we ask you to legislate sanely, efficiently, yet speedily. To that identical end, various committees concerned already have had access to this report of stewardship and even now are prepared to report upon recommendations and actions herein contained.

QUEENSLAND. Grand Master, 1943

"There is no doubt that, in many parts of the world, Freemasonry is facing a grave crisis. In Germany it is, of course, outlawed—but so is religion of all denominations, and the main reason for this treatment of a great Brotherhood is, obviously, the knowledge that Freemasonry stands for a great and lasting Brotherhood of man, irrespective of the limits of land or sea and universal in its beneficial results to all humanity. Such an idea is entirely contrary to the ideals of a Nazi regime. This fact, however, should make us all the more earnest and enthusiastic in our Masonic work. It is true indeed that Freemasonry is the solid and firm rock which forms the basis of Friendship, and there can be no Friendship when there is no freedom. We, Freemasons, in our friendship, are distinguished by our conduct.

Freemasonry means the love of man for man, the building of character, and if it can be truthfully said of any of us, in the words found in the V.S.L., when we pass to the Grand Lodge above, "He was a good man and a just"—then we shall not have lived our lives as Freemasons in vain.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA. Grand Master, 1943

POSTAL VOTING

"When the Book of Constitutions was under revision the question was raised that as only a small proportion of brethren competent to vote could attend Grand Lodge, opportunity should be given to them to vote by post. The provision asked for was included in the new regulations and ballot papers have been issued each year since then for the election of members of the Boards and of Grand Treasurer. At the last ballot 2,775 ballot papers were issued and only 647 returned, showing that 2,128 brethren who were so anxious to have the privilege of voting by post failed to use that privilege when it was granted to them. Over five years the number of ballot papers returned has shown a steady decrease and this year only 23% were returned. The brethren should recognize that a responsibility rests upon them to register their views through the ballot box and further that to incur considerable expense in issuing ballot papers by post to brethren who merely throw them in the wastepaper basket is not justified. I hope that all brethren entitled to vote will, in future, do so, otherwise Grand Lodge will have to consider the question of repealing the privilege and saving unnecessary expense.

THE USE OF THE BLACK BALL

"Many years ago, when I used to review the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges, I came across a case where an appeal was made from a lodge to the Grand Master. A candidate described as an estimable citizen was brought forward and for no apparent reason was black-balled. The lodge asked what it could do in the matter; the Grand

Master replied that as they had lost the estimable citizen they had better hold fast to the black ball. That advice was sound, but it ought never to be called for in this jurisdiction. Every lodge appoints a Committee of Investigation and each member of the lodge is expected to inform that committee of anything that he knows detrimental to the candidate. If the committee's report is favorable the candidate is usually elected without question. Unfortunately it does occasionally happen that some members of the lodge have a private grudge against the proposer, seconder, or candidate and gratifies that personal grudge through the ballot box without warning. That is an entirely wrong procedure. I may not like a candidate personally, I may not like his proposer or seconder, but if the candidate is a reputable person, in good standing, of whom nothing ill can be said, then I am not behaving as a Mason if I vote against his election. I make these remarks because I am inclined to think that there are occasions when private malice is exercised quite unjustifiably.

POSITION OF CHARITY STEWARD IN LODGE

"It has been pointed out to me by the Meeting of Masters, Wardens, and Charity Stewards that, although the Charity Steward is a duly appointed officer of a lodge, his position in the lodge has never been defined. Normally, of course, one would place the Charity Steward at the side of the Chaplain, but in most lodges that would prove inconvenient. I have, therefore, decided that the position of the Charity Steward shall be at the Secretary's table. This will give him a definite place in the lodge and the brethren will know exactly where to go with their donations to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA. Grand Master, 1943

GENERAL

"Brethren, we are living in a civilization where there is world-wide confusion and strife, a civilization in which no regard is paid by many to the natural and civil rights of man, and where morality, honor and virtue are held in contempt. Dictators, drunk with lust of power, striving for world domination, are using every means to destroy democratic ideals and individual rights, and to place in their stead despotic government and the subjection of all individual will to the orders of the State. They have throw the whole world into a seething cauldron of war and have brought about the most appalling struggle that humanity has ever been called upon to face. They are doing it, they say, to impress upon the world a new order and a planned economy—an economy in which neither freedom, justice, honor, nor tolerance have any place. In such economy Masonry cannot, of course, be tolerated, and although we may be concerned, we are not surprised to find that the Craft is the first institution to be suppressed. With it and with other organizations of high ideals including the Church, have gone that liberty of thought. liberty of speech, and liberty of action which are prized so highly by both Freemasons and by all who have the good of their fellow men at heart. There are, however, some things that dictators, in their race for world domination, and in their determination to impose a cruelty and barbarism that even wild beasts would shy at, fail to recognize. Though world conditions may change, though countries may be conquered and free governments destroyed, though there may be some temporary success in changing the modes of life in such countries, there is not, nor can there ever be, any change in the immutable laws that govern human justice and liberty. The Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount remain. It is upon these principles that democracy has been founded and upon which Masonry takes its stand—on loyalty, on sympathy to the oppressed, and on those principles of brotherhood that can restore peace and unity to a disrupted and disorganized world.

It may not be out of place to express what we think should be the attitude of Freemasons towards those intolerances that temporarily at least seem to be governing a large part of the world. If Masonry stands for anything, it stands for liberty of conscience and freedom of thought. It teaches men to think, but it does not teach them what to think. It opposes hate, persecution, national jealousies, and the exercise of dictatorial powers. It advocates the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God, and encourages moderation, individual liberty, and religious freedom, the very principles that have brought it under the ban in totalitarian States. As Masons we cannot perhaps take any practical steps, as things are, to improve those conditions but we can and should make our voices heard in the expression of our sympathies. We who are still free to exercise our privileges, should take care that we continue to be a living force for the dissemination of those principles, principles which have made democracy great. Let us remember that it is the old principles in Masonry that have made Masonry great, and that those same old principles are at the foundation of every democratic constitution in the world.

Our enemies speak of a new order and a planned economy, a new order which we believe to be destructive of all that is good in human life and of hope for life hereafter. We too speak of a new order after the war and we hope that the spirit of service and brotherhood, brought about in our own Empire by the war itself, will continue as the spirit of a new life in the world that will evolve when the war is ended. Many suggestions have already been put forward embracing improvements in our political, economic, and social system. We talk of the necessity to provide the means of subsistence and some of the cultural pleasures of life for every man, and we envisage a new society that shall be almost ideal for everyone. With the best intentions in the world much water will flow under the bridge before that is achieved, but every step towards it will mean an improvement. We have all read the Atlantic Charter, which endeavors to put into words what we know is needed. All the principles underlying that document were enunciated the best part of a century ago by a great American President and if, after the war, we can live up to that declaration we can look beyond the present gloom to a happiness which will be assured to those who come after us. With that declaration I close this address:

"We here highly resolve . . . that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people and for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

"With malice towards none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in . . . to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

NEW YORK. Committee on Masonic Jurisdiction, 1943

"Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, while recognizing that decision of the Grand Master in the following case follows precedent, nevertheless believes we must find a way to solve the problems this case offers by invoking the inherent power and authority lodged in Grand Lodge, and which a Grand Master is always loath to exercise for Grand Lodge without its express invitation.

This decision of the Grand Master which your Committee invites Grand Lodge to modify has to do with two Brethren, now residents of New York, but who, before coming to New York, each had been elected and each actually had received at least the First or Entered Apprentice Degree in a Lodge under the obedience of the Grand East of the Netherlands (Holland). That is their contention. We may assume that this Grand Lodge no longer is able to function due to the invasion of Holland by the Nazis and their effort to destroy Freemasonry. Because of these facts it has been held that these Brethren under the provisions of our Constitutions have to be considered and treated as non-affiliate Masons, and that due to the further fact that they cannot procure from the Lodges of their initiation their dimits, nor the certificate of the Grand Secretary of the Grand East of the Netherlands, as called for by Section 340 of our Book of Constitutions, due, as I have already said, to the invasion of Holland by the Nazis and the suppression of its Grand Lodge, that a petition for affiliation by these Brothers is not in order, and that to perfect their status as Masons in New York they must file petitions for the degrees with a Lodge in our Jurisdiction and if elected receive their degrees therein. Of course, the Grand Master recommends that every consideration be shown to these unfortunate Brethren.

Our Brother Masons of counteries overrun by our enemies have suffered grievously. Grand Lodge in framing its Constitutions could not anticipate the horrors the enemies of Freemasonry have visited upon our unfortunate Brethren of Sister Jurisdictions, and surely we today must take sympathetic cognizance even of little things which add to the distress of our less fortunate Brethren of other jurisdictions.

The documents our two Brothers of the obedience of Holland are unable to procure would be no more than primary evidence of the facts they seek to prove; this being unattainable in the circumstances, secondary evidence of the facts which are prerequisite to affiliation in a New York Lodge should suffice and substitute for the formal proof no longer available.

Grand Lodge can authorize and approve the acceptance of such secondary evidence and this your Committee recommends, coupled with an invitation to the Grand Master to issue a dispensation for the conferring of the remainder of the three degrees upon these Brethren when satisfied that their claims of due initiation are based on fact.

It may not be generally known that in most, if not in all, the European Grand Lodges, and Grand Lodges which they have founded throughout the world, other than here on our North American continent, do all their business work, excepting the degree conferring, on the First Degree; the business of the Lodge is all done on the First Degree; the Second and the Third Degrees are honorary; they are frequently not conferred—frequently not conferred because the Brethren who take the First Degree get all the fellowship that they feel that they need, and if they do not happen to feel qualified by reason of any circumstance to seek office in the Lodge, they may live their entire Masonic life as Entered Apprentices and participate in all the activities of the Lodge, excepting the ceremonials of conferring the Second and Third Degrees.

So we have here two Brethren of Holland who have only taken, so far this record shows, the first step, and, of course, that is very useless to them here.

There are different customs in the Fraternity, and even the Mother Grand Lodge, England, does its work in its Lodges on the First Degree. The Second Degree and the Third Degree, they have the practice over there to make more or less honorary for faithful service; not at the end of two weeks but even at the end of five or ten years, as a matter of honor they confer the Second and the Third Degrees.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Brethren of the Jurisdiction or obedience of Grand Lodges with which Grand Lodge of New York entertained fraternal relations, who in their home Jurisdiction have been duly initiated Entered Apprentices but have not been Passed or Raised, and due to war conditions have left their country and now seek affiliation in New York, but cannot procure either dimits from the Lodges of their initiation, or Grand Secretary certificates in the regular order, may have the remaining degrees conferred upon them under dispensation of the Grand Master when he is satisfied that their claims of due initiation are based on fact.

I move the adoption. (Seconded)

R. W. Charles W. Froessel, Deputy Grand Master: All the Brethren who favor this resolution will manifest it by the ancient sign of a Mason. Carried. (Gavel)

ILLINOIS, Grand Master, 1943

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS

"One year ago I called your attention to Code 277, and suggested that this assembly delete that portion which states that "every candidate applying for the degrees in Masonry must . . . possess . . . no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of conforming to what the several degrees respectively require of him." I then suggested that we throw off the yoke of the Middle Ages, when such safeguards had practical value, and stand before the world—unafraid and unashamed—with the simple statement that in Illinois moral fibre alone can make a Mason.

Since then a silent parade, unannounced, unheralded, and largely unseen, is gradually wending its way from the far flung battlefields of the world to hospitals in America. They are the casualties from the great conflagration of war. Some of these men can never exchange grips—they have an arm or hand buried in North Africa; some can never approach the East in required form—they left a foot or leg in the South Pacific; some can only ask for light, but never receive it—fiendish war has robbed them of their most valuable sense. These men have truly placed a sacrificial offer on the altar of freedom. It was done for us. We cannot demand heroism today and ignore it tomorrow. Many of these men share our blood and have a right to turn to Freemasonry for warmth and comfort and fellowship as their legacy in life. What more can they do—my fellow Americans—to win our respect? Do not remove one moral test, but cast aside forever this meaningless prerequisite of physical qualification. Strike out this portion of our Code and set up proudly as the banner of this Grand Lodge, that we search a man's soul, and his soul alone, to discover his Masonic fitness.

FREEMASONRY VALIANTLY FACES AHEAD

"It is no novelty for men of this institution to play an important part in parlous times. Critical events have always proved the caldron from which the mine run of humanity is poured as pure steel. Crises have always produced the great men of Masonry. Gambling everything, they laid the cornerstone of a great republic in 1776. In 1861 they were equally determined to preserve the union which they had established. Today, for the second time, they face, with their Allies, a jealous and hostile world. A new page of history is being written, spectacular in devotion to duty and love of country. In keeping with our traditional past, our brethren are leading forces on land, sea, and in the air, making a savage and barbarous foe learn the might of peaceful peoples when thoroughly aroused. In the highest places of trust, political, economic, industrial, and social, as well as in the Armed Forces, are found men who knelt before our altar. Truly, the most resplendent of all the Masonic pages of history is now being written in letters of glowing fire, to match the immortal pages of the past. Freemasonry is facing the rising sun of the new world, vibrant, virile, and courageous.

CANADA (in Ontario). Grand Master, 1943

"There are two minor practices current in some lodges which, through force of circumstances, have been brought of late especially to my attention. Neither of them, in my judgment, is to be commended. One is that of inviting non-Masons to Masonic banquets. The reasons advanced in extenuation have never appealed to me. One of these is that it permits the non-Masonic friend to listen to a notable speaker or outstanding musical programme. The facilities available to attain this object otherwise are so ample that this must be regarded as trivial. Another is to give the non-Masonic friend the opportunity of meeting one's Masonic friends around the social table, presumably, and sometimes it is said openly, so that the non-Mason may thereby form some idea of Freemasonry. I view this as but thinly disguised solicitation and as such the practice cannot meet with approval. It is essentially unsound from a true Masonic standpoint. Again, the practice of having non-Masons may prove a source of unexpected embrassment to one who properly expects to be able to speak freely on a Masonic subject. Of this I speak from personal knowledge and experience.

The other practice to which I refer is that of having non-Masons as speakers. There are circumstances when occasionally this is justifiable, but when lodges come to rely largely on outside speakers, it is time to call a halt and take stock of our position. I have pointed out already that the non-Mason has no familiarity or particular knowledge of our usages and customs. Unless specially warned, such a speaker may easily transgress the bounds placed on every Mason. Aside from this there is the question of a certain pride. The non-Masonic speaker is presumably one of quite mature years; he has in the course of his life time seen something of Freemasonry. Whatever opinion he may have formed it has obviously not been sufficiently cogent to induce him to apply for admission into our ranks. The opinion reached may be lukewarm, indifferent or even cynical. The speaker may have consented to speak to oblige a friend, putting his feelings towards the Craft in the background for the time being. I have a feeling that we demean ourselves or fail to show a reasonably good conceit of ourselves when we invite men to speak who have had the opportunity but yet have shown no inclination to associate themselves with us. Sometimes, but fortunately very seldom, lodges so far ignore Masonic propriety that men are invited to address the Craft at refreshment, who, not to put too fine a point on it, are not likely, under any circumstances, to become Masons. Their training and associations are not such as to promote an active regard for Freemasonry and why to such, an invitation should be extended and why accepted, is almost beyond comprehension.

Another aspect of this subject which I would mention briefly is that to go frequently outside our ranks for speakers is seemingly to confess a poverty of talent in our lodges. If this were really the case, it would be a sad state of affairs indeed. Fortunately it is very far from being true now, and there is no likelihood of it becoming true in the future.

CANADA (in Ontario). Grand Master, 1943

"My attention has been drawn by several correspondents and by several incidents that prospective Worshipful Masters do not make themselves sufficiently conversant with the ritual and also with the duties that pertain to the Master's chair. The result is a weak, perfunctory and unsatisfactory year of office that is no credit to the occupant and definitely harmful both to the lodge and to Freemasonry. I urge therefore that, as the officers of the lodge advance year by year, they should aim to acquire a thorough mastery of the Masonic work in all its aspects, a knowledge of the particular responsibilities of the Worshipful Master of a lodge, and a familiarity with the Book of Constitution, not omitting the Rulings of Grand Masters. The examination of the Master-elect by a Board of Installed Masters leaves much at times to be desired. The Board in effect usually throws back on the lodge the responsibility for having elected an inefficient Master, who perhaps owes his present election to having been casually appointed to a junior office some years before. How often does it happen that a Board refuses to certify to the suitability and Masonic knowledge of a palpably weak Master-elect? It is of course, in general, too late to take effective steps without serious injury to the feelings of the brother concerned and all his particular Masonic friends in the lodge. On the other hand, a knowledge that the examining boards are not disposed to ignore glaring deficiences would stimulate many incoming Masters to more serious efforts. The remedy for this state of affairs, and it can usually be discovered in time, is for the Past Masters of the lodge to drill the officers, not only in their immediate, but also in their prospective duties and to discourage imperfect work whenever it is exhibited.

OHIO. Grand Master, 1943

INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE IV OF THE ANCIENT CHARGES

"Perhaps there has never been any question which has so engrossed the thought of Masonry throughout the years as the interpretation of the rigid physical qualifications required of candidates. It does seem strange that those qualifications, so essential in the days of operative Masonry should have been carried over in the transition to speculative Masonry. Then we became active in the sphere of spiritual development, labor, and thought, making use of the symbolisms operative Masonry suggested. It may have been that such physical fitness was intended to symbolize that the candidate must be possessed of that high character and integrity indispensable for the development and utilization of our inherent moral and spiritual virtues.

"At this particular time, when the world is forced to face and use the most inhuman and devastating inventions the world has ever known, in order to preserve the national supremacy of nations which stand for freedom, justice, and liberty, which God ordained for all men, the question as to whether Masonry may continue to maintain its interpretation of the requirement of the physical perfection of youth, has become an overwhelming consideration.

"In the organization of its armed forces, our Government is demanding physical perfection in our youth, and must perforce expose it to dangers and hazards so appalling that escape seems almost impossible. There will be found among those youth thousands who would have sought entrance within the portals of Masonry had they not been called to a vicarious life for you and me. We surely dare not deny them a welcome to our fellowship because they have been maimed in body in defense of our country and the protection of Masonry.

"In insisting on the physical perfection of youth as a requisite for candidates for the degrees, we are not following the expressed declaration of Masonry that "the internal and not external qualifications of a man are what Masonry regards." Let us remember also that our Great Light says, "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."

"The psalmist asked and answered the question which should be the criterion for the qualifications that will determine a candidate's fitness. "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord; or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation."

"If we would maintain the sacredness of the Temple, which we dedicate to God, it would seem more important to determine the fitness of men who pass over its threshold by high mental, moral, and spiritual qualfications rather than that the physical should take precedence over them.

"As the exigency of the present situation demands immediate clarification of this age-long problem, and an outline of precedure in determining the fitness of the candidate, I am issuing the following decision, with the assurance of my heart, it will receive your unqualified approval at the coming Communication of the Grand Lodge:

DECISION

"The Committee to which is referred an application for initiation for inquiry and report, in accordance with Art. III, Uniform Code of By-laws for Subordinate Lodges, will determine whether the petitioner's internal qualifications, those mental, moral, and spiritual, will render him "capable of learning the Art," and report accordingly for the guidance of the Lodge.

"However, as the demand for physical perfection is limited to a maim or defect that would render him "Incapable of learning the Art," Lodges are hereby authorized to be the judges as to whether a petitioner's physical condition will prevent him from exercising those high moral and spiritual virtues the Committee finds he possesses, even though he may be unable to adapt himself to some visible requirement.

This decision will nullify the Notes under Ancient Charge IV.

Given under my hand and seal this first day of September, 1943.

(Signed) HARRY E. SCHRAMM,
Grand Master.

WEST VIRGINIA. Grand Master, 1943

"Lately I have been thinking of our debt to Freemasonry. The very fact that we are entitled to call ourselves Masons, confers upon us certain rights, and demands of us equivalent duties. We have come into an inheritance prepared for us by our forefathers, who labored long and earnestly to make it perfect and honorable. We are heirs to its fundamental principles, its ideals, its aspirations and its reputation. In the four divisions of the globe, where freedom prevails, Masonry's doors stand open to us and we enjoy the fraternal regard of its world-wide membership. By Masons we are given credit for the possession of definite attributes; we are considered as just and upright men, morally sound and respected by those who know us best. By the uninitiated we are accorded a peculiar respect because of our Masonic connection, a respect which may mean little or much, depending on the impression which Masonry has made on the public mind.

"To discharge this debt to Masonry we must realize that people base their conception of the Craft by what they see in us, rather than what they read in books. We must be constantly on the alert to preserve what has been called "The dignity and high importance of Freemasonry." The best we have is the least we can give to this task, jealously guarding our behavior so that no word or action of ours can react to the detriment of the Craft. That is merely what the Shorter Catechism would call "our reasonable service." It is a passive virtue, but the greater our appreciation of the benefits of Masonry, the more aggressive will we become in seeking to enhance its reputation amongst men, both by precept and example. That will be our token payment for favors already received.

"In legal documents there is a recurring sentence which reads "other valuable considerations." It is a phrase used often by lawyers for it can mean little or much. It may cover an understanding not clearly set forth in the agreement, or it may merely be what is vulgarly known as "eyewash." That is largely the situation as regards some Masons and their attitude to Masonry. The conscientious Craftman finds undreamed of benefits in his Masonic connection; these same considerations are often abused by the unscrupulous. In living up to our obligations, we have a dual responsibility, to Masonry and to the Mason, although sometimes they seem to conflict.

"It will surely be conceded that we must never abuse the privilege of our membership by seeking for ourselves, or extending to others, unwarranted or illegitimate favors predicated on common ties of fraternity. Masonry was never a medium for graft, and only a fore-sworn Mason will endeavor to use his connection with the Craft to further his ambitions, advance his interests, promote his business or escape the consequences of his misdeeds. Over and again we hear Masonry maligned by the assertion that its grips and tokens are an essential introduction to certain avenues of preferment or sources of employment and that Masons are bound by oath to stick together through thick and thin, irrespective of right or wrong. Our debt to Masonry can never be repaid, nor was it ever intended that it should be repaid, neither was it meant to act as a "Santa Claus" to Masons who prove themselves unworthy of the name by requesting or expecting surreptitious favors. If Masonry teaches anything, it is the lesson of equality and it is our bounden duty to act on the square with every man, whatever his race, creed or color. The only way in which we can differentiate between the Mason and the non-Mason, is by demanding a stricter code of morality from the former because of the vows he has taken, and, in like manner, he has the right to expect in us a similar standard of ethics. Virtue, morality and brotherly love in the widest sense, are our payments for the great and invaluable privileges of Masonry.

"Masonry opens for us the sources of knowledge. The proper study of man is mankind and, in Masonry, we find not only the material for research, but the necessary direction to make our researches profitable. The injunction to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge, does not merely cover the reading of books on symbolism, the study of the Liberal Arts, or an acquaintance with usages and customs. It implies putting into practice that which Masonry teaches, with the assurance that practice will ultimately bring perfection. We are not meeting our debt to Masonry if we ignore the opportunity, which our Masonic philosophy provides, for self-analysis and self-improvement; if we refuse to utilize Masonic tenets and principles, as the gauge of our conduct as Masons, citizens and individuals and if the vows taken at a Masonic altar do not, in a marked degree, impress upon us the value of character in all our human relationships, then we had better commune with ourselves in order to ascertain what we stand for. Render unto Caesar the things that are his and give to Masonry an operative example of its speculative virtues, as a token payment for the enlightenment it has brought us.

"Perhaps our greatest debt to Masonry is for its gospel of liberty, equality and fraternity and never was that debt more apparent than at the present time. Where Masonic principles are observed, tyranny disappears, class distinction and hatreds cannot exist and the arts of war are practiced no more. But the Masonic ideal does not find universal acceptance. There have arisen "Kings which knew not Joseph" and mankind is again in bondage, more brutal, more devastating and more soul-crushing than the bondage of Egypt. As an apostle of brotherhood, Masonry has been ruthlessly stamped out in the lands of the dictators, suffering a like martyrdom to that of the church and all free institutions. Fanatical ideologies have supplanted truth and honor and the nations of Europe and Asia have been caught up in the maelstrom of indiscriminate slaughter. As Masons we believe in the Brotherhood of man, but because of the overweening ambition of bloody men, the only brotherhood left to us is a common heritage of suffering and sacrifice.

"There should be no need to ask where Masonry stands in this world crisis. Every principle on which our philosophy is based has been violated; every ideal we cherish has been trampled under the iron heel; every moral aspiration has been sneered at and spat upon. Virtue, honor and mercy have been expunged from the totalitarian dictionaries; faith, hope and charity are torn from the hearts of men to make room for lust, hate, and cruelty; the altars of our fathers have been cast down and not one stone of the Temple of Justice has been left standing upon another. Masonry cannot view this destruction of civilization with the detached interest of a neutral, for every tenet and principle she enunciates is being foully abused and overthrown. Her voice must be raised in solemn condemnation of the aggressors; her influence must be exerted to awaken the public conscience to a realization of the desperate plight of peace-loving democracies; her every effort and resource must be dedicated to bring about the final triumph of right over might. Such is the nature of our institution; so therefore it must be in the van in this battle; such are the obligations of the Mason, that he is automatically conscripted for service.

"Again we come back to the duties we owe to the Craft. We have received much and of us much will be expected. What payment can we make in this hour of crisis which will adequately liquidate our obligation to Masonry, to humanity and to the Divine Being who is the Architect of Masonic and human destiny?

"No man can say what degree of service will be necessary to accomplish victory; no one can hazard a guess as to what the ultimate demand upon us will involve.

"We will be fortunate if only our worldly possessions have to be thrown onto the scales and all we can be sure of is that freedom must be bought with a price.

"We have a right to religion, to civilization, to democracy, to Masonry, but there is no right without a parallel duty and the time has come to pay our debt. Will the indelible pencil of the Recording Angel write opposite our entry "Token payment only" or will the inscription read "Discharged in full."

QUEBEC. Grand Master, 1943

"When we met here one year ago the powers of aggression directed by powerful and cruel men were still extending their domination of free peoples all over the world. Recent events warrant the impression that the tide of battle has definitely turned and that the forces of right, justice and freedom will finally overcome the aggressor. It is our paramount duty, not only as citizens but as Masons, to lend all our efforts to the early accomplishment of this objective.

"Our very existence is at stake for, did victory not crown our aims, the cherished ideals of this ancient and honorable institution and the freedoms so painfully and slowly acquired through the centuries would pass from the earth for generations to come.

"As we meet here in comfort and security at this time, our thoughts are naturally directed to those of our less fortunate Brethren in countries occupied by the enemy, who are not only deprived of their Masonic privileges but who are subject to special persecution by the ruthless enemy who hates every type of free institution. We pray for their early deliverance.

"We rejoice that so many of our brethren, true to the principles inculcated in them at their initiation, are in the fighting forces or otherwise serving their country. We pray for their success and safe return among us.

"Brethren in the Armed Forces are cautioned, when in the actual theatre of war, not to carry with them any Masonic emblem, travelling certificate or any other means of Masonic identification which, if they were captured by the enemy, would substantially add to their danger and persecution.

"As the way becomes a little clearer and the goal to victory becomes more distinct, it is perhaps proper that we pause to reconsider the principles for which we fight; they have been stated as religious liberty, freedom of speech, our system of justice and self-government and the full opportunity of the individual for self-development and advancement.

"Under the operation of our system prior to the War, the real fruits of these freedoms were not enjoyed by a large number of our people. Ill-fed, ill-clothed and ill-housed, rendered almost hopeless by their condition, they had little opportunity or ambition to rise out of the mire. A charitably-minded community considered its duty discharged if it kept that portion of society from actual starvation. But now our horizon is widening, public consciousness is awakened and the principles of our beloved Order—brotherly love, relief and truth—are to be the basis of a new civilization.

"The four great and essential freedoms which the leaders of the two great Anglo-Saxon nations have declared to be the basis of a finer civilization would have been achieved long years ago, had the world practised the cardinal virtues taught by our Masonic Art. Care must, however, be taken in considering the many schemes for the amelioration of conditions lest we present an illusion,—that progress can be attained by legislation only and that ancient virtues of work, faith, thrift and courage which our civilization has advanced to its present stage, are no longer requisite.

"As the true Mason searches for the truth slowly and painfully through the eternal mysteries of nature and science, so the world must make its progress through toil and sweat and blood and tears, and, however may be divided the good things of the earth, there is only available the total produced by the efforts of the individuals. To the extent that a higher life is accorded to those not fully contributing therefor, the balance of the community must work harder to compensate or materially reduce their own standard. All theories which are opposed to the foregoing can if put into practice only lead to chaos and disillusionment. Common sense and goodwill will be much required in the testing days that are to come.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. Grand Master, 1943

"The older generation of Masons has distressing memories of results of World War 1 to our gentle Craft. At the time it seemed that we were greatly blessed; petitioners so beset our lodges, initiates so thronged our halls, that all lodges showed great gains, finances flourished, apparently the millenium had come.

"But our mushroom growth had no lasting qualities. The depression caused a great majority of those whom we too hastily admitted to drop away. Accustomed to large growth, much money, "all clear of the books" in annual reports, we were poorly prepared to face adversity.

"In those days it was thought wise and right to issue dispensations for any number of candidates—it was for "the boys who fought to make the world safe for Democracy" and nothing was too good for them. But what we intended as good proved a boomerang for the fraternity; it lost forever the regard of many a good man and true, and injured our Masonry and our lodges by taking from us our own feeling of the sacredness and solemnity of the degrees.

"Such conditions should never be again permitted. But the means of preventing them should be carefully thought through and represent the best thought of the best minds in our Grand Lodge. It is not for any one brother to suggest that "Grand Lodge may forbid a Lodge from making more than a certain number of Masons a year, in proportion to membership" or "the statutory number of brethren to be initiated, passed and raised at one communication should be reduced to five or three and Grand Masters requested not to use their dispensing power to enlarge classes" or "minimum fees should raised to such a size as to decrease the number of petitioners." Whatever action, if any, is taken by this Grand Lodge, should be after the subject has been studied by a committee of wise and experienced Masons.

"A committee has been appointed to study how best to avoid the pitfalls which resulted from too many petitions, and too constant use of the dispensing power in and subsequent to World War 1, and to recommend to this Grand Lodge, at its May Communication, 1944, what action, if any, we should take to protect ourselves from mushroom growth when (God grant soon), this war shall end.

PENNSYLVANIA. Grand Master, 1943

"December 7th, 1941, the fatal day that saw the Jap hurl his prepared might against the United States of America, a nation which had for years, in every way practical striven for good neighborliness among the nations of the world that peace might prevail among all peoples. Then came the declaration of war plunging a nation totally unprepared into a maelstrom, the savagery of which adds a new page in the horror of wars. Seeking for the cause of this devastating debacle, we find that greed, and avarice and a lust for power, with a full determination to destroy the principles of Democracy, the principles of Religion, and the principle of Freemasonry, is the insatiable intent of our enemies.

"The gauntlet thus thrown was immediately picked up by a shocked and sobered nation with the challenge in the words of Francis Scott Key:

"Conquer we must when our cause it is just
And this be our Motto
'In God is our Trust.'"

The skill and fervor of the peoples of this land converted this peace-loving nation into a busy hive of war-provoked industry, proving the day of miracles is with us yet—

Our shops of peace-time industry were turned into factories of death-dealing implements;

Our mills of progressive construction were changed into mills for devastation;

Our graceful birds of the air were transformed into bombers of destruction;

Our airports of travel became the dispensers of secret missions;

Our comfortable limousines were melted into effective jeeps and tanks;

Our luxurious liners were remodeled into death-dealing battle ships and aircraft carriers;

Truly our plowshares have been beaten into swords.

"Our boys, our youth, the choice of our land, have changed from student and mechanic, from cleric and artist, from professional and business, into an army of soldiers—seven million strong—well organized, well equipped and well prepared.

"The ingenuity of a people, accustomed to live under a democracy for over one hundred and sixty years, transformed in a few short months, a totally unprepared nation into a mighty fortress, from which flows streams upon streams of armament, and the best and ablest of our manhood a formidable fighting force. The effectiveness of this armament, and the heroism of our fighting men is already heralded to the ends of the earth.

CONNECTICUT. Grand Master, 1944

THE RITUAL

"At the Grand Lodge Session of 1942, the Custodians of the Work, after due consideration and consultation with outstanding authorities, recommended that, in the ritual of the Entered Apprentice Degree, after the obligation, the following paragraph be added:

"My Brother, Freemasonry's continued use of the imprecations in all its ancient obligations is wholly figurative. The only penalties which Freemasonry imposes are reprimand, suspension and explusion."

The reports of the District Deputies indicate that some Lodges are not using this addition.

My Brethren, it is not a question of a change in the phraseology of our ritual. It is a question of a far deeper and more fundamental significance.

"Should we make any change in our ritual? (I am speaking solely of the ritual of Symbolic Freemasonry.)

"More than two centuries have found no weaknessess in the essentials of the ritual. Wisely, we are conservative about tampering with it in spite of the great divergencies in our different jurisdictions. In this field I have but one suggestion. Our Mother Grand Lodge, that of England, and three Grand Lodges in this country explain in the ritual itself that Freemasonry's continued use of the imprecations in its obligations is purely figurative and that the only penalties which Freemasonry imposes are expulsion, suspension and reprimand. It is our duty to make it clear to the candidate that no obligation which he takes in our fraternity violates any duty which he owes to God, his country, his neighbor or himself. It would remove a ground of legitimate criticism if all rituals would clarify this situation which shocks many. If we mean what we say, we require an oath which violates all of these obligations. How can we insist upon our sincerity in the use of the language of our ritual when in its most solemn moments we include things which Freemasonry does not mean, which its officers and members do not mean, which the candidates do not mean and which everybody concerned recognizes as merely a traditional repetition of an ancient common law provision now, fortunately, obsolete? Why continue to furnish our enemies with material with which to fashion ordinance to be used against us? It was used with great effectiveness a little more than a century ago."

"From my own observation and the Reports of the District Deputies, the ritualistic work has been of a high standard. Certain irregularities I wish to call to your attention. Numerous reports have been received indicating that unnecessary roughness has been evident in the exemplification of the second section of the Master Mason Degree. These reports seemed at first to be unfounded, but investigation revealed them to be true. This practice is not only contrary to good Masonic procedure, but it detracts from the solemnity of the degree by putting it on a par with a hazing party. The symbolism of this degree has a definite purpose which should be uppermost in the mind of every actor in the great drama, lest it be defeated. Freemasonry viewed in the aggregate, is an elaborate allegory of human life. The three degrees collectively symbolize man's existence both here and in the hereafter. The Lodge is emblematical of the world: Initiation of birth; Entered Apprentice of youth; Fellowcraft of manhood; and the Master Mason of old age, death, the resurrection, and everlasting life.

THE MASONIC FUNERAL CEREMONY

"Present day conditions seem to have made it difficult and in some cases impossible for the Master of a Lodge to assemble the Brethren in sufficient numbers to perform the Masonic Burial Service at the grave in the usual manner. Some Lodges feel that a Masonic Memorial Service, held at the home of the deceased Brother or at the funeral home in the evening prior to the burial, solves the problem. Certainly this practice has many advantages and I recommend the approval of its use at the discretion of the Master.

"Several requests have been made for a change in our regulations to permit the opening of a Funeral Lodge at the beginning of a term, the same to stand open until the end of the term. Many of our Lodges take great pride in setting apart on their records, a page sacred to the memory of the deceased Brother. On it are inscribed the minutes of a Special Communication, held to pay tribute to his Masonic career.

"Section 11, Chapter 9 of our regulations reads: "Special Communications must be held at the Lodge Room, unless some other place within the territorial jurisdiction of the Lodge be designated in the call." Under this regulation, it would seem that a Funeral Lodge may be opened in any convenient, tiled room, provided, of course, that the necessary elements are present.

"There is no warrant in Masonic usage and custom for permitting either a Stated or Special Communication of a Lodge to stand open indefinitely.

SPECIAL MASONIC PROGRAMMES OF UNUSUAL INTEREST

Chinese-American Night:

"On the evening of May 27, Hiram Lodge No. 1 sponsored a Chinese-American Night. A group of Chinese Masons, under the leadership of Dr. Joe Woon Lum, exemplified, in the English language, the Master Mason Degree. Never have I seen the drama of the Widow's Son portrayed more beautifully. These Chinese Masons were members of Amity Lodge No. 106 of Shanghai, China. After the fall of that city, they came to this country, and are now practicing their chosen vocations among us. The dignity and sincerity of their ritualistic work set a standard that we may well strive to emulate, and as we knelt about a common altar, with these followers of Confucius, the conviction became more vivid that Masonry, in its broader aspects, has no boundaries and that our belief in the existence of a Supreme Being is the foundation, upon which the great superstructure of Masonry is erected.

RULINGS AND DECISIONS

FLORIDA. Grand Master, 1943

"File No. 37. March 30, 1943. Subject: Change of name on Dimit. Reference: Private Individual. Question asked. I was made a Mason in Coral Gables Lodge some 15 or 20 years ago. About two years ago I received a Dimit from that lodge but have not used it, but now I am about to ask for admission to another lodge. Shortly after receiving the dimit I left Florida and went to New York and decided to change my name from Frooks to Brooks. In New York one is permitted to take another name without the necessity of a court order so therefore I do not have a court order. I made the change because so many people called me Brooks anyway and the name being so near like Brooks so many others called me Frooks, Freeze, Freeks, Frooze, etc., the name being so confusing. I had to change the name with the banks with whom I have been doing business, with the insurance companies, etc., etc. All I did was write a letter stating that the spelling of the name has been changed and that I am now known as Brooks instead of Frooks. I would like my dimit changed to my name Brooks and therefore I am writing you for your help.

Answer: I have your letter of March 8th, and wish to advise that it will be impossible for me to ask any Florida Lodge to accept your dimit and ask them to change name from Frooks to Brooks.

I would suggest you getting an attorney and have him draw up necessary papers, then go before Circuit Court Judge and have name legally changed. You then could present dimit together with photostat copy of change in name and Grand Master could then give whatever Lodge you petitioned, if your petition is accepted, authority to have name changed on Lodge membership roll.

(Approved)

BRITISH COLUMBIA. Grand Master, 1943

"A petitioner for the degrees had a dislocated hip of many years standing. A brother who was a physician certified in writing that the applicant could perform any movements required in our ceremonies. I ruled that there was no reason to reject this applicant because of lack of physical qualifications.

"A lodge desired to accept a petition for the degree from the son of a Past Master. The petitioner lacked several months of being 21 years old, but it was alleged he would probably be called away on active service before that event happened. I declined to grant a dispensation to receive the petition.

IOWA. Grand Master, 1943

"Beaver Lodge No. 472 received a petition and, on the Master's instructions, the petition was not read by the Secretary. After the meeting the Master told the Secretary to see the petitioner and ask him to withdraw the petition.

The Secretary did so and up to the date of the Secretary's letter to me (March 22, 1943) the petition had not been withdrawn. I referred the Secretary to Section 246: "A petitioner for the degrees may withdraw his petition before reference to a committee, but not thereafter"; and Section 266: Objection may be made after reception of petition and before the candidate is received and operates as a rejection. No one, not even the Master, should take it upon himself to say that a petition should not be received, and, in case of action, he has only the prerogative of casting his vote or objecting, the same as any other member.

OKLAHOMA. Grand Master, 1943

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS TO CONFER DEGREES IN LESS THAN STATUTORY TIME

"During war times there are many men who have been intending to petition for the degrees of Masonry, but who for various reasons have put it off from time to time. This naturally causes numerous applications to be made, when they face the fact that war is likely to take them to the far corners of the earth, and that they have now, perhaps, the last chance for some time to come to join our fraternity. The result is, that many requests are made by the Constituent Lodges for permission to confer degrees in less than statutory time.

"As has been the custom in the past during war time, I have issued many Special Dispensations to confer the F.C. and M.M. degrees out of time on those who have received their E.A. Degrees according to law and were going into the armed forces of the nation, with the admonition that they be taught to tell of what had transpired, and also that they be given intensive instruction as to the essentials for gaining admission into a Lodge of Masons, any place Lodges are functioning.

Thanks to our Certificate Lecturers, many other near Lecturers and many well-informed Masons, this condition was complied with. During World War One, Lecturers were few and scattered throughout the state. At the present time we have them in every District and in a big majority of the Lodges. This has made it possible to turn out well-informed Masons, unafraid to seek admission among strangers.

"As I was out of town so much on other Grand Lodge business and would, upon returning to my home and office, find numerous letters of request for Special Dispensations, together with telegrams and long distance calls, all of which was an expense and worry to the Constituent Lodge officers and also to your Grand Master, on July 5th I wrote letters to all the Worshipful Masters instructing them that when they had an Entered Apprentice who was going into the Service of his Government, they could give him the other two degrees in less than the time prescribed by law and notify me of their action, after which I issued the Dispensation.

"I believe there has not been a single case in which this concession was abused, and it has cut out confusion, expense and worry for all concerned, during this emergency.

WISCONSIN. Grand Master, 1943

"Everyone who requests an acceleration of the time within which degrees may be conferred should be able to answer such questoins as these: Why did the petitioner wait until the eve of his departure to present his petition to the Lodge? Why should a Masonic Lodge lower its standards to accommodate itself to such a petitioner's neglect?

MISSISSIPPI. Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, 1943

"Question: May public installation of Masonic Officers be held in a Church, on Sunday?

Answer: No. An installation of Officers can be held in a Church, but not on Sunday.

Question: Can installation of Masonic Officers on Sunday be authorized by Special Dispensation?

Answer: No. Our Grand Lodge, in 1881, in considering Masonic Activity on the Sabbath, approved this language:

> "The civil law enforces a due observance of that day and God forbid that it ever be said that Masons, in violation of divine and human laws, should ever find it necessary to hold any meetings on the Sabbath—funeral occasions alone excepted."

DELAWARE. Grand Master, 1943

"The question of whether a member of a Lodge could object and prohibit a visiting brother from visiting and sitting in his Lodge was presented by the W.M. of Lodge ——. My decision was as follows:

"The power to reject the application of a visitor for admission is not a discretionary but a constitutional one, vested in the Master of the Lodge, and for the wholesome exercise of which he is responsible to the Grand Lodge."

Decision: Therefore I rule that the Master has the right to exact the precise reason why a brother desires to prohibit a visiting brother from sitting in the Lodge, and if in the judgment of the Master the reason justifies action, he has the right to refuse admission. If, on the other hand, he feels the reason is not justified, he has the power and authority to admit the visiting brother.

CANADA (in Ontario). Grand Master, 1943

"After several ballots had been taken to elect a Worshipful Master, in each instance a tie vote resulting, the

Worshipful Master of the Lodge cast a second ballot to break the tie. I held that this was invalid. There is no provision in the Book of Constitution either for Grand Lodge elections or for those of the Constituent Lodges for tie votes to be broken in such cases by the casting of a second ballot by the presiding officer. Such a provision may or may not be desirable but, until it has been adopted by Grand Lodge, it is my opinion that tie votes in elections cannot be broken by that method.

"An Entered Apprentice Mason was appointed by the Worshipful Master of a Lodge as Junior Steward. Since all of the Officers of the Lodge must assist with the ceremonies of all degrees I directed that this appointment be cancelled. It is obvious that all the Officers of a Lodge must be Master Masons.

IDAHO. Grand Master, 1943

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

"Question: Is a person with a stiff leg eligible for the degrees?

Answer: No; he would be unable to conform to all the requirements of his initiation.

Question: Can we accept a petition of a person selling liquor in a private club?

Answer: No; selling liquor in a private club would bar him.

TENNESSEE. Grand Master, 1944

HEALINGS

"In violation of Edict No. 29, the following Lodges conferred two successive degrees on the brethren named within less than the required 28 days:

Western Sun No. 88—Ben C. Fluty.
Washington No. 159—Floyd Adkins Wadley, David G. Dennie.
Newport No. 234—Richard H. Carson.
Ducktown No. 241—D. B. Whitmire.
Goodlettsville No. 271—Thurman Floyd Brooks.
Caldwell No. 273—Herschel Neil Plant.
Pilgrims Rest No. 388—Willie B. Grooms, Doyce Perry.
Medina No. 309—Benjamin F. Bass.
Sewanee No. 405—John W. Geary.
Juno No. 443—Lois Vinson Wise.
Caryville No. 665—Joe Tackett, Ernest Ridenour.
Bartlett No. 697—James Howard Coleman.

I healed these irregularities and ordered the Lodges to pay to the Grand Secretary the penalties provided for violations of this Edict.

INDIANA. Grand Master, 1943

PETITIONER "FREE-BORN"

"One of our Lodges inquired if a petitioner of illegitimate birth is 'free-born' and eligible to receive the degrees of Masonry. I replied:

The State of Indiana has established by Statute rules of inheritance whereby an illegitimate child inherits from its mother and under certain conditions from its father, and whereby the mother inherits from such child. Other than this I know of no law which takes from one of illegitimate birth any of the rights or privileges of citizenship.

It is my opinion that the misfortune of an illegitimate birth does not make a man other than "free-born" and does not bar him from Masonic membership if his own life is upright and moral and he has all the other necessary qualifications.

WASHINGTON. Grand Master, 1943

"I received word from the Secretary of Bellingham Bay Lodge, No. 44, that a Brother had passed to the Second Degree at a Special Communication called on a Sunday afternoon. I wrote to the Lodge as follows:

"I have your letter of December 20 and am sorry that a meeting of your Lodge was called on a Sunday in violation of the Masonic Code, although I realize that the intentions of those who desired to confer the degree upon the Brother were undoubtedly the best in the world.

"Under the circumstances I am reprimanding the Lodge for its action and do hereby declare that the work that was irregularly done at the meeting be healed. The healing of the work is to take effect as of this date, and the contents of this letter must be spread upon the minutes of the next Stated Communication. The Brother may be given his Third Degree two weeks from the date of this letter or at any time after."

I could not find anything to guide me in making such a decision as this, as apparently nothing quite like this had occurred before.

WASHINGTON. Grand Master, 1943

"Bro. J. H. du Feu is a member of Duke of Normandy Lodge No. 245, of Jersey, in the Channel Islands, which Lodge works under the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge of England. The Channel Islands are in the possession of the German armed forces and as a result thereof this Lodge has not functioned since the occupancy of the islands by the Germans. Brother du Feu is anxious to affiliate with Maritime Lodge No. 239, F. & A.M., and submitted to Maritime Lodge his receipt for dues up to and including 1940, and likewise submitted a letter from the Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England, the material portion of which reads as follows:

"In view, however, of the evidence afforded by the receipt from the Lodge which you submitted for my perusal, and which is returned herewith, showing you to be clear in the books to 31st December, 1940, that is, the last practicable date to which subscriptions could be paid, this letter may be regarded as the equivalent of a clearance certificate."

"Maritime Lodge asked whether or not they could receive Bro. du Feu's petition for affiliation upon this evidence. In ordinary times I would have replied in the negative, but I feel that unusual conditions make unusual remedies necessary and so that this Brother may acquire a Masonic home, I ruled that the letter of clearance from the Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England might be accepted as a dimit and the petition for affiliation received, but required the Lodge to collect from the Brother dues due Duke of Normandy Lodge for the last three years, and forward them to the Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England, to be held for the benefit of Duke of Normandy Lodge. I likewise directed the Secretary that no action upon this petition should be taken until Grand Lodge had an opportunity to either affirm or disapprove my ruling.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

"M.W. Bro. Matthew W. Hill (9), on behalf of the Committee on Jurisprudence, read the following report (M.W. Bro. John A. Emigh, P.G.M., presiding), which, on his motion, was received and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of Washington:

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the Deputy Grand Master's decision in the case of Bro. J. H. de Feu, recommend that the decision be not approved.

Your Committee, however, suggests that the clearance from the Grand Lodge of England, indicating that the Brother's dues had been paid, may be accepted as a certificate accompanying a petition for dual membership.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. BATES,
STEWART E. PERRY,
FRANK L. WALTERS,
MATTHEW W. HILL,
RALPH E. TIEJE, Committee.

ENGLAND. Board of General Purposes, 1943

AFTER-PROCEEDINGS; PERMISSION TO SMOKE

"The President of the Board of General Purposes: M.W. Grand Master, there is nothing in the report of the Board of General Purposes to which I need refer, but there is one matter which I wish to bring to the attention of the Brethren, which I do with the permission of the M.W. the Grand Master.

There appears to be some confusion regarding the time at which Brethren should be given permission to smoke at the after-proceedings of Lodge Meetings. It is after the first two usual loyal Toasts, the first showing our allegiance to our Sovereign and the second to our Grand Master. These should be proposed in formal terms and without speeches. The only deviation from this practice is when the Grand Master himself is present, when he personally gives permission to smoke before the Toast of his Health is proposed.

M.W. Grand Master, I move that the Report of the Board of General Purposes be received, adopted and entered on the Minutes.

The Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes: M.G. Grand Master, I beg to second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

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SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons assembled in the Town of Gretna, Province of Manitoba, on Thursday, July 26th A.D. 1944, A.L. 5944, for the purpose of dedicating the Masonic Hall.

PRESENT

M.W. Bro.	Samuel Burland (12), St. Vital	Grand Master
R.W. Bro.	Peter T. Pilkey (25), Winnipeg	Deputy Grand Master
M.W. Bro.	Harry Woods (140), Winnipeg,	as Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro.	H. B. Donnelly (138), St. Vital	Junior Grand Warden
W. Bro.	G. Coblentz (55), Gretna	as Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro.	Geo. E. Keyes (55), Winnipeg	as Grand Treasurer
R.W. Bro.	J. J. Bannerman (93), Winnipeg	G.D. of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro.	H. A. Good (12), Stonewall	Senior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro.	J. B. McClure (138), St. Vital	Junior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro.	Nat. Rotshtein (141) Winnipeg	Senior Grand Steward
V.W. Bro.	F. H. Williams (146), Winnipeg	Junior Grand Steward
V.W. Bro.	T. G. Beatson (119), St. Vital	Grand Tyler

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at eight o'clock in the evening by M.W. Bro. Samuel Burland, Grand Master, who announced that this Special Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in dedicating the Lodge Hall at Gretna, by request of East Star Lodge No. 55.

The Dedication ceremony was conducted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. Samuel Burland and R.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey who not only filled his own office, but in the unavoidable absence of R.W. Bro. H. B. Wallace, Grand Chaplain, also filled that office.

At the conclusion of the Dedication Service, R.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey delivered an inspiring address befitting the

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occasion. W. Bro. A. R. Dick, Master of East Star Lodge No. 55, and R.W. Bro. L. C. Welsh, D.D.G.M. of the Eighth Masonic District also spoke.

Besides a fine representation of Grand Lodge Officers, nearly every Lodge in the Eighth Masonic District was represented, but the highlight in attendance was the fine representation of Brethren from several Lodges in the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

At the luncheon which followed, W. Bro. A. R. Dick acted as Toastmaster and called on several of the visitors. A short address given by R. W. Bro. Leon Pettit, D.D.G.M. of the First Masonic District in the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, was delivered in a most pleasing and fitting manner.

About Ninety brethren were in attendance.

L. C. WELSH,
D.D.G.M. Eighth Masonic District.

GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA
ANCIENT FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS
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J.H.G. Russell
Grand Secretary.

MASONIC SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

CIVIC AUDITORIUM, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

Sunday, June 3rd, 1945, at 3 p.m.

ORDER OF SERVICE

This order of service will be followed without announcement.

1. NATIONAL ANTHEM—

O Canada, our home and native land,
True patriot love in all thy sons command;
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The true North, strong and free;
And stand on guard, O Canada!
We stand on guard for thee;
O Canada! glorious and free.
We stand on guard, we stand on guard for thee;
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

2. THE GRAND MASTER—M.W. Brother Samuel Burland.

"My brethren, we are gathered together to worship God, and to render unto Him our thanksgiving and praise for all His mercies toward us during these years of war. Happily for us all, and for our loved ones, the war in Europe is at an end, and the might of the Allied nations is being turned to the Pacific theatre of war. Let us, in a spirit of humility and reverence join in this service, acknowledging the hand of the Great Architect of the Universe in all the events that have befallen us. With gladness in our hearts, and joy in our souls, we can join with the Psalmist when he says:

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." "If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when men rose up against us, then they had swallowed us up alive, when their wrath was kindled against us.

"Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul; then the proud water had gone over our soul." "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."

3. OPENING HYMN—"All people that on earth do dwell."

4. CALL TO WORSHIP—The Grand Chaplain, Rev. H. B. Wallace.

"O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever."

5. PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)—

Almighty and Everlasting God, who makest wars to cease unto the ends of the earth, we praise and magnify Thy great mercy, which has brought us to this hour. We bless Thy Holy Name that earth, sea and sky are safe again in Europe; that the guns are silent; and that Thou hast brought us to this day of peace. May we dedicate all victory to Thy glory. Amen.

6. PSALM 46—M.W. Bro. Harry Woods.

7. SCRIPTURE. Isaiah 40: 1-11—The Junior Grand Warden R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly.

8. HYMN—"Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;"

9. PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION—Dr. J. L. McInnis, P.G.C.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Almighty, and Everlasting God, who art King over all, and who in the multitude of Thy mercies hast brought us to this day. We thank thee for all Thy goodness and loving kindness. For the gracious Providence that guided and sustained us in the dark days of the War, and for the defence Thou didst raise up for us in our necessity; we give Thee thanks and praise. For the grace that upheld us through the years of peril and sorrow, and for the deliverance Thou didst vouchsafe to us: we praise and bless Thy Holy Name. We cried unto Thee in trouble, and Thou didst hear us: we put our trust in Thee, and we are not confounded.

Grant, O Lord, we humbly beseech Thee, that we, being mindful of Thy great goodness, may yield ourselves in new obedience to Thy Holy Will, and live as those who are not their own, but of the one great family of God, who liveth and reigneth, and is worshipped, and glorified, one God for evermore. Amen.

10. LITANY OF INTERCESSION—Canon G. R. Calvert, P.G.M.

Leader: "Almighty God, Who hast taught us to make supplications, prayers, and intercessions for all men, we pray this day for all those who are hungry and without bread; for those made homeless by war's desolation; for separated families; for all the bereaved; for orphaned children and for all who have suffered in any way under the scourge of war;"

Congregation: "We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord."

Leader: "For the men and women of our armed forces at home and throughout the world; for the sick and wounded in the hospitals; for doctors, nurses and all who minister to the sick and suffering; and for those who are prisoners of war;"

Congregation: "We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord."

Leader: "For our beloved nation and those whom we have placed in authority; for our homes that they may be God-fearing;

for our schools and the teachers of our children; and for all institutions and organizations that serve our country's welfare;"

Congregation: "We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord."

Leader: "For the children of the Living God throughout the world; for all who serve in Thy name; for missionaries at home and abroad; for chaplains in the armed forces; for those who have suffered through the hatreds, the cruelties, and inhumanities of war;"

Congregation: "We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord."

Leader: "For the uprooting of all causes of war; for the ending of prejudices of race and nation; for the confounding of those who delight in war and the strengthening of all peace makers;"

Congregation: "Hear us and use us, good Lord."

Leader: "For the triumph of justice in every human relationship; for the liberation of the oppressed and for the lasting freedom of all Thy children;"

Congregation: "Hear us and use us, good Lord."

Leader: "For the coming of that day when all men shall know the Lord God, whom to know is life eternal; for the coming of the time when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, nor learn war any more."

Congregation: "Hear us and use us, good Lord."

Leader: "O merciful Father, we beseech Thee so to send forth Thy Spirit into Thy world that all leaders of men everywhere, the rulers and spokesmen of the nations, may be instructed in the ways of peace, kept free from pride and evil ambitions, and so guided in all their doings that they may make known Thy ways upon the earth, Thy saving health among all nations. Amen.

11. PRAYERS—Dr. W. C. Graham.

For the Bereaved.

"O God, who art full of compassion, be near unto all them that are desolate and bereaved. For the widow and the fatherless we pray, for all parents who have lost their children, for all whose loved ones have been taken from them. Reveal Thyself to each and all, and gather them into fellowship with Thyself, that they may find in Thee comfort in their sorrow, and the sure hope of the life that is to come." Amen.

For the King and his advisers.

"O God, who providest for Thy people by Thy power and rulest over them in love: We beseech Thee to regard with Thy favour Thy servant our King; strengthen and protect him with Thy heavenly grace, and grant him the assurance of his people's loyalty and love. Guide all on whom is laid the burden of the government of this Dominion and Empire; and direct the leaders and commanders of his hosts, and those of his allies, on sea and land and in the air; grant unto them at this time special gifts of wisdom, right judgment, and high resolve, that under Thy guiding hand we may be led to a righteous and abiding peace." Amen.

For the rulers and peoples of all lands.

"O God, the Lord of kings and kingdoms, let Thy strong hand control the nations and order their doings unto fulfilment of Thy purposes upon the earth. Strengthen, we pray Thee, those who are striving after true brotherhood and are working for righteousness and peace. Guide the hearts and minds of rulers and statesmen, that they may seek first Thy Kingdom, and the establishment of justice and freedom for all peoples, both great and small." Amen.

12. THE NATIONAL ANTHEM—

13. ADDRESS—The Depty Grand Master, Rev. P. T. Pilkey, M.A., D.D.

14. A PERIOD OF SILENCE—In memory of those who have fallen (all standing).

Prayer of Remembrance.

"God of all worlds, who hast caused the light of life eternal to shine upon the world, we remember, in our prayer before Thee, all those who laid down their lives for our sakes, by whose fidelity we have been preserved in peace and safety and by whose sacrifice we live with quiet and grateful hearts; we commend them evermore to Thee, upheld at all times by the blessed assurance that Thou, O Lord, redeemest the souls of thy servants and that none who trust in Thee shall be desolate. Keep our love for our heroic dead unwasted in the midst of years, and so fill our hearts with the memory of their devotion, that we also, being faithful unto death, may receive with them the crown of life." Amen.

15. HYMN—"O God, our help in ages past."

16. PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND DEDICATION — The Junior Grand Warden R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly.

Let us confess our Sins to Almighty God:

"Almighty and most merciful God, our heavenly Father, we confess that we have grievously sinned against Thee in thought, and word, and deed. We have come short of Thy Glory. We have turned every one of us from Thy way of life. Yet do Thou, O most merciful Father, hear us when we call upon Thee with penitent hearts. Pardon our sins and grant us Thy peace. Confirm us in all goodness, that we may serve Thee with a quiet mind, and bring us to the life everlasting." Amen.

17. LITANY OF DEDICATION—

Leader: "To the patient acceptance of all the burdens which this war has brought upon us; to the sharing of all the sacrifices borne in our common cause; to the healing of all losses and devastations;"

Congregation: "We dedicate ourselves, O Lord."

Leader: "To the preservation of our cherished freedoms for which such sacrifices have been made;"

Congregation: "We dedicate ourselves, O Lord."

Leader: "To the seeking of ways and plans for the cooperation of nations now estranged; and to the effort to establish a world order of justice and peace;"

Congregation: "We dedicate ourselves, O Lord."

Leader: "To every struggle for justice both at home and abroad; to every effort to ensure to all men fullness of life;"

Congregation: "We dedicate ourselves, O Lord."

Leader: "To the creation and continuance of godly homes;"

Congregation: "We dedicate ourselves, O Lord."

Leader: "To discipline of our minds through thought and study; to preparation of our hearts through confession and prayer;"

Congregation: "We dedicate ourselves, O Lord."

18 PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)—

"Lord of all might, who art the only giver of victory, in whom alone men are made strong: Give us faith and courage to walk according to Thy law, turning neither to the right hand nor to the left, confident that Thou art for ever with us; to the glory of Thy holy name." Amen.

19. CLOSING HYMN—"Now thank we all our God,"

20. THE BENEDICTION—The Grand Chaplain, Rev. H. B. Wallace.

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you all; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you, and give you peace in this world, and in the world to come may you have life everlasting." Amen.

ADDRESS BY THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,
Rev. P. T. Pilkey, M.A., D.D.

MASONIC SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Winnipeg Civic Auditorium, June 3rd, 1945

> "And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.
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> And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper and practise, and shall destroy the mighty, and the holy people;
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> And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many; he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand."—(Daniel 8: 23-25.)

The vision of Daniel depicted for us in these words is wholly occupied with the establishment of a great empire, its dissolution and dismemberment, after a swift career of conquest, and the godless despotism of Antiochus Epiphanes. Future events in the politics of world powers are epitomized for the prophet as he stands in the palace of Shushan. Across the river which was hard by the seer's station, there appears a ram having two lofty horns. Northward and southward and westward this great kingdom of Media and Persia accomplishes great things. But in the midst of its successes a he-goat, with a conspicuous horn between its eyes, comes from the west so swiftly over the face of all the earth, that it scarcely seems even to touch the ground, and runs upon the ram in the fury and violence of its strength, conquering and trampling upon him, and smashing in pieces his two horns. His impetuosity, however, is short-lived, for the great horn was speedily broken, and four other horns rose in its place towards the four winds of heaven. Out of one of these four horns grew a funny, insignificant horn, which became exceedingly great, towards the south and east and towards the Holy Land. It grew so great that even the host of heaven was endangered. Proudly it rose up in defiance to the Prince of the host, polluting the dismantled sanctuary with sacrilegious arms, and cast the truth to the ground. In the midst of all its abominations, Daniel observed the continued prosperity of the horn. "How long would this terrible sacrilege be continued? When would the sanctuary, and all it represented in the good and decent things of life, and truth, and the stars of heaven cease to be trampled underfoot?"

Daniel is anxious to understand the enigma of the ram and the he-goat. Indeed he is so perplexed as to faint as he ponders it, but soon, in answer to his incessant searching, by prayer and confession, Gabriel is instructed to make clear the vision to Daniel. He finds Daniel prostrate upon the ground, but at once gives assurance that the great wrath was only for a fixed time. The two-horned ram, we are told in the context, is the kingdom of Media and Persia: The shaggy goat is the Empire of Greece and the great horn is its first king—Alexander the Great. This is broken and replaced by four inferior kingdoms, in one of which sacrilege and oppression and cruelty would culminate in the person of bold face, and skilled in cunning, who would become powerful, though not by his own strength. He would prosper and destroy mighty men, and the people of the holy ones, and his deceit and treachery would succeed by his double dealing. He would even contend against the Prince of princes, but he would be broken, and without hand.

Such is the vision and the interpretation.

There is always a necessary crudeness about symbolism and imagery. There are also grave difficulties to be encountered in any literal interpretation of the text before us. My brethren, I am not among those who believe that God's servant, who is credited with writing this wonderfully pregnant and timeless passage, penetrated the mysteries of the future and gave us a correct record of events that are transpiring in these momentous days. It is a fact, nevertheless, that no one who has followed the records of mankind, can gainsay even this—that history repeats itself. In the days of this Old Testament seer there existed certain injustices and cruelties which found the culmination of their dictatorial autocracy in one Antiochus Epiphanes. Centuries have come and gone, and, though we cannot assert that the writer thought for a moment that in the great 20th century there would exist one answering in every way the description here, we cannot but feel that here we have portrayed for us the outstanding characteristics of a man called "Hitler."

In these latter days, we have again witnessed the smashing of the destructive forces and powers of evil and aggression, the humiliation of the Nazi gangsters, and the end of their programme of atrocities. What an end has been theirs! The mills of God still grind slowly and with exactness. Let this lesson be impressed upon our minds, written indelibly upon our hearts and consciences, that in the long run, evil cannot succeed. The odds are against every form of abomination and vice, whether in a person or in a nation. It rises, storms about, has its little day, but ultimately breaks in sunder upon the steadfast will of Almighty God. "This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations. The Lord of hosts has purposed, and who shall disannul it? And his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?" Look back over the past five years of war! Reflect on Dunkerque, the blitz of 1940, and many other events, and count the milestones one by one! Two things surely emerge—the unalterable purpose of God, and the indomitable will of his people. Against this rock the egotism of Hitler and his gang, the rage of the Gestapo, and all the evil machinations of junkerdom, have hurled themselves, in a futile effort to thwart God's eternal purpose and enslave the world to their totalitarian philosophy. But they have been dashed to pieces. Faith has still its abiding citadel in our midst, a house of God in which he dwells, which neither force can harm nor into which fear can enter. It is meet for us to give thanks that the world, in which we find ourselves, is built on such a sure foundation. Let us never fail to acknowledge the gracious guidance of the

Great Architect of the Universe in all the way we have come through days of "blood, and sweat, and tears,"

> "O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
> Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.
> For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.
> In His hand are the deep places of the earth: The strength of the hills is his also.
> The sea is His, and He made it: and His hands formed the dry land.
> O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker.
> For He is our God; and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand."—(Ps. 95: 1-7).

We do well today in assembling ourselves together in this solemn and dignified service of thanksgiving. Freemasons acknowledge allegiance to "that spirit that moves in and through all the changing flux of human experience," seek to know His will and purpose, and make it operative in their lives. For favors already received, we do earnestly and sincerely thank God. But as Freemasons, we come together for another very definite purpose. This service is designated as a service of Thanksgiving and Dedication. Not only do we look back over these difficult and anxious years, rejoice and give thanks, but we look ahead to new tasks and opportunities. Let no one think the silencing of the guns in Europe is the end of our responsibility. It is but the open door of opportunity. Destructive forces have been let loose on the world, and material things—buildings, churches, libraries, museums, historical relics—on a scale never known in human history have been devastated. Countless treasures of enormous value are destroyed and cannot be replaced. Not only have we suffered material losses but the character of people has been warped.

There is a gigantic job ahead of us to reconstruct our broken world. Rebuilding the cities now in ruins, the homes, roads and bridges, feeding millions at starvation's door, and all that will take time and skill, as well as materials of all kinds, but to rebuild character, to restore what the "locusts have destroyed," to bring back integrity, kindness and a sense of justice and fair play among peoples is a task that will demand materials of quite a different sort. This is the problem of reconstruction. My brethren, today, let us be reminded of the spiritual energies that are available to us in this great task. There is an essential something that must be contributed if we are to gain success. Much of our trouble is due to the neglect of these spiritual forces. We have been devising plans that statesmen and legislators might ratify, in order that a new world might appear. It is now time to remind ourselves of these neglected spiritual factors. In Winnipeg recently we were told that whatever was done at San Francisco would at best be but a document on paper, and that only the will of the people of the nations could make it have permanent value to the peace of the world. The prophet Jeremiah enunciated this great truth when he said that the law of God must not only be written in the law book, but in the hearts of men.

So I say to you, my brethren, the first and basic problem that confronts us, lies largely in human nature. It is not a political or economic problem primarily, but a moral and spiritual one. It is the wrong attitude of men — their selfishness, their greed for things rather than for values, their narrow-mindedness, their fear to embark on a new adventure—that is the brake on the wheels of progress toward a new and better world. A traveller, by train, six o'clock in the morning, and 30 degrees below zero, found himself in a wreck. When the first sleeper rolled of the embankment, it was practically submerged in icy water. The second sleeper fell only part way. The third remained on the track. Desperately the work of rescue was rushed by the train crew, and hastily dressed passengers. One by one the unfortunate victims were lifted from the submerged car and laid in berths of the unwrecked Pullman. A trained nurse, a capable young English woman, who happened to be aboard, assumed control and soon the entire company was at work under her direction, bandaging, rubbing, doing everything possible to relieve the injured. In the midst of these ministrations one passenger revealed his state of mind. He had dressed himself to the last button, and was parading the aisle with overcoat, gloves, and cane. Then as the harassed conductor was rushing by, he stopped him, and in a drawl, peculiar to his kind, he said: "I say, conductor, evidently it will be impossible for us to go further on this line. We shall have to go back and go round by another road. Will my pass be good on that road?" The official looked at him in disgust and amazement. "My God, man!" he cried, "don't you know there has been a wreck?'

This incident, I submit, is deeply significant. Here is the real cause of all the trouble we are experiencing. This is the explanation of our failure in the war against war, and of many another effort to the realization of high ideals. We are hampered by this fellow who does not know there has been a wreck. He keeps bobbing up in all sorts of perplexing situations and difficulties. In disarmament conferences, he has a front seat: When legislatures meet behind closed doors, he steps in and leads in the discussion; he whispers to prime ministers; edits newspapers; engineers strikes; gets hold of big finance, and is a most ubiquitous and insolent sort of chap.

We still insist on talking of sin theologically in the church. We refuse to see what it really means in every day life, and so have little conscience or distress about it. Sin belongs to the slum and to the rough necks, of course, but it is not really a very serious thing, so far as we are concerned. This seems to be the normal attitude of many good people today. Events of the past few years, however, have somewhat disturbed our complaisance.

In these years one of the most humiliating revelations has been the number of pseudo-statesmen who refuse to think in world terms. If they know there has been a wreck, they have been concerned only with its effect upon their own nation and their own fortunes. During the fighting period of the war, we were amazed and chagrined at the re-appearance of the brute in human nature. We thought he had been buried by our fine civilization and would never be seen or heard of again. But the brute came back. We fought like beasts, felt like them and lived like them. Man has been a long time on the earth and has advanced from the savage to lethal chambers for the aged. The story since the last war is only the same lower life in other expressions. Like this man in the wreck, we have been revealing how selfish and small human nature can be. We have thought too little of the wreck and too much of what it has done to us. It is selfishness—personal and national—the brute impulse in another guise—that prevails.

There is among us what Philip Gibbs calls "a disease of the soul." He tells of a deep pessimism "which has robbed people of the will-power to resist avoidable evils and a loss of faith in men, an abandonment of the ethical code, and a revival of pagan belief in physical force, tribal rights, and the material basis of life." All this means, of course, is simply the man who did not know there was a wreck, magnified and projected all over the screen. It is individual selfishness writ large. The economic break-down, the persistent and perhaps the rising tide of militarism, the misuse of science for destruction rather than for service, is all the result, and we shall never change the result until we really alter the cause.

That is the thing that challenges us in every programme of betterment. Just as surely as an engineer must take into account quicksand, water, or any other obstacle when he begins his construction, so we must take account of wrong human nature. How can we build strength out of weakness, and establish a brotherhood where men are jealous and careless of one another? You cannot get an A1 state out of a C3 population. It is not new mechanics we need today but a new dynamic.

In view of these considerations, we call upon the Freemasons of Manitoba to dedicate themselves anew to these high purposes. We believe in God, in the philosophy of our teachings to build character in men, and in the latent potentialities of our fellow men. Let us to the task. The new world and the better world will come when you and I do our part.

We shall stand, reverently bowing down, and remember those who have given all, even life itself, that you and I might have an opportunity to meet this challenge.

One-half minute silence: Prayer of Remembrance.

> "God of all worlds, who hast caused the light of life eternal to shine upon the world, we remember, in our prayer before Thee, all those who laid down their lives for our sakes, by whose fidelity we have been preserved in peace and safety, and by whose sacrifice we live with quiet and grateful hearts; we commend them evermore to Thee, upheld at all times by the blessed assurance that Thou, O Lord, redeemest the souls of Thy servants and that none who trust in Thee shall be desolate. Keep our love for our heroic dead unwasted in the midst of the years, and so fill our hearts with the memory of their devotion, that we also, being faithful unto death, may receive with them the crown of life."
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> Amen.

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One half minute silence: Prayer of Remembrance.

> Father of all mercies, who hast caused the light of life [illegible]

Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

1945

SEVENTIETH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, met in Annual Communication in the Royal Alexandra Hotel, in the City of Winnipeg, June 6th, 1945 and was opened in Ample Form by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. Samuel Burland, at 2.30 p.m., prayer being offered by R. W. Bro. Rev. H. B. Wallace, Grand Chaplain.

PRESENT

M.W. Bro. Samuel Burland (12), St. Vital	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey (25), Winnipeg	Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan (113), Brandon	Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138), St. Vital	Junior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3), Winnipeg	Grand Treasurer
R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell (114), Winnipeg	Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. Rev. H. B. Wallace (6), Emerson	Grand Chaplain
M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4), Winnipeg	Grand Historian
R.W. Bro. C. R. Sayer (10), Winnipeg	as Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. Howard A. Good (12), Norwood	Senior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. J. B. McClure (138), St. Vital	Junior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. N. Rotshtein (141), Winnipeg	Senior Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. F. H. Williams (146), Norwood	Junior Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. J. J. Lyons (130), Winnipeg	Grand Organist
V.W. Bro. S. R. Bird (151), Winnipeg	Grand Pursuivant
V.W. Bro. T. G. Beatson (119), Norwood	Grand Tyler
R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes (3), Winnipeg	D.D.G.M. 1st Masonic District
R.W. Bro. T. E. Squire (133), McCreary	D.D.G.M. 2nd Masonic District

R.W. Bro. W. H. Zachary (63),
Holland ....................D.D.G.M. 3rd Masonic District
R.W. Bro. F. B. Lynes (71),
Crystal City ................D.D.G.M. 4th Masonic District
R.W. Bro. W. D. Berwick (102),
Miniota ....................D.D.G.M. 5th Masonic District
R.W. Bro. T. A. Taylor (77),
Napinka ....................D.D.G.M. 6th Masonic District
R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh (113),
Brandon ....................D.D.G.M. 7th Masonic District
R.W. Bro. L. C. Welsh (125),
Winnipeg ...................D.D.G.M. 8th Masonic District
R.W. Bro. Fred Starr (122),
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W. Bro. J. Fred
W. Bro. I. J. Goldstine
W. Bro. Earo Haid
W. Bro. Wm. Leonoff
W. Bro. Chas. Powell
W. Bro. H. J. Nusgart

W. Bro. J. L. Rill
W. Bro. L. A. Seipp
W. Bro. A. E. Weidman

FORT OSBORNE LODGE No. 144:

W. Bro. G. Y. Cook........M.
Bro. J. F. Kristjansson S.W.
Bro. F. W. Woodward J.W.

W. Bro. E. D. Chable
W. Bro. T. B. Findlay
W. Bro. J. R. Glenn

STURGEON CREEK LODGE No. 145:

W. Bro. H. F. Giller.....M.
Bro. L. D. Bester..S.W.

W. Bro. W. E. Batchelor
W. Bro. D. A. Best
W. Bro. E. W. Browne
W. Bro. W. F. Kerby
W. Bro. N. McIntosh

FIDELITY LODGE No. 146:

Bro. C. A. Cook ......S.W.
Bro. W. W. Pile........J.W.

R.W. Bro. Geo. Florence
R.W. Bro. J. J. Sinclair
V.W. Bro. F. H. Williams
W. Bro. M. H. Acheson
W. Bro. D. Burnside
W. Bro. N. B. MacTaggart
W. Bro. S. C. Swanton

JUBILEE LODGE No. 147:

W. Bro. H. A. Caughlin

SEVEN OAKS LODGE No. 148:

W. Bro. Harvey Thompson M.

R.W. Bro. F. W. Brownell
W. Bro. S. V. Basley
W. Bro. F. Burrows
W. Bro. Jas. Love
W. Bro. George Macauley
W. Bro. E. J. Scott

CARTWRIGHT LODGE No. 150:

R.W. Bro. W. H. Newton

THE DORMER LODGE No. 151:

W. Bro. C. H. Wells... M.
Bro. E. Taylor.....S.W.
Bro. E. Melhuish...J.W.

R.W. Bro. Rev. H. Sherstone
V.W. Bro. S. R. Bird
W. Bro. G. Ball
W. Bro. W. G. Brisley
W. Bro. J. Elder
W. Bro. A. E. Longstaffe
W. Bro. R. W. Ross
W. Bro. Sydney Smith

FOXWARREN LODGE No. 152:
Bro. E. H. Ranson. .S.W.

FLIN FLON LODGE No. 153:
W. Bro. A. T. Heyland. . .M.

PINE FALLS LODGE No. 154:
W. Bro. G. A. Stewart. . . . . .M.
Bro. W. B. Dimock. . . .S.W.
Bro. B. H. Campbell . .J.W.
R.W. Bro. D. C. Robertson
W. Bro. Wm. Bird
W. Bro. J. J. Jackson

CARMAN LODGE No. 155:
W. Bro. A. E. Shewfelt. .M.
Bro. Louis Sures. . .J.W.
R.W. Bro. A. W. Badger
W. Bro. M. Dorfman
W. Bro. J. Millroy
W. Bro. G. W. Weaver

MANITOUWAPA LODGE No. 156:
W. Bro. H. S. Rutherford. . .M.
Bro. T. Moorbey. . . . . .J.W.
W.Bro. D. Ferguson

Honorary Members:
M.W. Bro. Louis H. Colson
M.W. Bro. Chauncey C. Colton
M.W. Bro. Wm. F. Holman
M.W. Bro. Ralph W. Stanford
M.W. Bro. Harry Gill
M.W. Bro. Chas. H. Pollock
R.W. Bro. R. A. Tate

Distinguished Guests:
M.W. Bro. Karl J. Mohr
R.W. Bro. W. B. Congdon
M.W. Bro. J. C. Carter
M.W. Bro. Wm. Ireland
M.W. Bro. H. W. Swenson
R.W. Bro. J. A. Stormon
W. Bro. Frank L. Eversull

ADOPTING REGULATIONS

Moved by R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell (114), seconded by R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey (25), that the regulations for conducting the Sessions of Grand Lodge be adopted as printed. Carried.

READING OF MINUTES

Moved by M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd (140), seconded by R.W. Bro. C. R. Sayer (10), that the Minutes of the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, having been printed in the Proceedings, be taken as read. Carried.

REPORT OF NOMINATIONS

The Grand Secretary reported the following nominations had been received for the Grand Lodge Officers, Board of General Purposes and District Deputy Grand Masters:

Grand Master:
R.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey, Ionic Lodge No. 25.

Deputy Grand Master:
R.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan, Tweed Lodge No. 113.

Senior Grand Warden:
R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Windsor Lodge No. 138.

Junior Grand Warden:
W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin, Neepawa Lodge No. 24.
R.W. Bro. Jas. D. Harrower, Wawanesa Lodge No. 67.
R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald, Shiloh Lodge No. 70.
R.W. Bro. A. K. Cates, Reston Lodge No 104.

Grand Treasurer:
R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.

Grand Secretary:
R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell, "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114.

Grand Chaplain:
R.W. Bro. Rev. H. B. Wallace, Emerson Lodge No. 6.

Grand Historian:
M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, St. John's Lodge No. 4.

Grand Director of Ceremonies:
W. Bro. R. C. Scanes, Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1.
R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.

Grand Librarian:
R.W. Bro. C. E. Somerset, Lisgar Lodge No. 2.

District Deputy Grand Masters:

First Masonic District:
W. Bro. James Wardrope, Empire Lodge No. 127.

Second Masonic District:
W. Bro. Jas. Mathewson, Neepawa Lodge No. 24.

Third Masonic District:
W. Bro. Wm. J. Young, Cypress Lodge No. 82.

Fourth Masonic District:
W. Bro. Murdo Maclean, Morden Lodge No. 13.

Fifth Masonic District:
W. Bro. Thomas W. Offen, Rivers Lodge No. 115.

Sixth Masonic District:
W. Bro. John Cuthill, Reston Lodge No. 104.
W. Bro. Frank S. Guthrie, Reston Lodge No. 104.

Seventh Masonic District:
W. Bro. J. C. Lundy, Composite Lodge No. 64.

Eighth Masonic District:
W. Bro. A. J. Sawatsky, King Solomon Lodge No. 8.

Ninth Masonic District:
W. Bro. Geo. W. Russenholt, Favel Lodge No. 126.

Tenth Masonic District:
W. Bro. R. W. Ross, The Dormer Lodge No. 151.

Twelfth Masonic District:
W. Bro. George P. Fairbairn, Fort Garry Lodge No. 130.

Board of General Purposes:

R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington, Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1.
R.W. Bro. Robt. M. Muckle, Lisgar Lodge No. 2.
R.W. Bro. A. H. Steventon, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.
W. Bro. S. J. Sametz, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.
R.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy, St. John's Lodge No. 4.
W. Bro. S. M. Stephens, Assiniboine Lodge No. 7.
W. Bro. W. J. McGregor, Gladstone Lodge No. 11.
W. Bro. A. J. Christie, Ionic Lodge No. 25.
W. Bro. Fred. H. Blythe, King Edward Lodge No. 93.
R.W. Bro. G. A, McMorran, Glenwood Lodge No. 27.
R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter, Acacia Lodge No. 111.
R.W. Bro. Wm. McLellan, "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114.
R.W. Bro. Les. C. Welsh, Patricia Lodge No. 125.
W. Bro. A. E. Duff, Fort Garry Lodge No. 130.
R.W. Bro. George E. Miles, Capitol Lodge No. 136.
V.W. Bro. Wm. Paterson, Capitol Lodge No. 136.
V.W. Bro. S. W. Robertson, Beaver Lodge No. 139.
R.W. Bro. Dave MacKay, Meridian Lodge No. 140.
R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green, Mt. Sinai Lodge No. 143.
R.W. Bro. J. C. Grant, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.
V.W. Bro. H. A. Good, Stonewall Lodge No. 12.

CORRESPONDENCE

Regrets for absence were received from the following brethren:

M.W. Bro. Robert Hawkins.
R.W. Bro. W. R. McConnell.
R.W. Bro. O. S. Ross.
R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman.

also from

M.W. Bro. Wm. P. Sturtz, Minnesota.
R.W. Bro. John H. Anderson, Minnesota, Grand Secretary.
M.W. Bro. Mark I. Forkner, North Dakota.
M.W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell, North Dakota.
M.W. Bro. Rex Terry, South Dakota.
R.W. Bro. E. F. Strain, South Dakota, Grand Secretary.
R.W. Bro. E. G. Dixon, Ontario, Grand Secretary.
M.W. Bro. Wm. Menzies, British Columbia.
M.W. Bro. W. R. Simpson, British Columbia, Grand Secretary.
M.W. Bro. George Moore, Alberta, Grand Secretary.
M.W. Bro. George F. Ellis, Alberta.
M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith, Alberta.
M.W. Bro. Sam Harris, Alberta.
M.W. Bro. C. P. Seeley, Saskatchewan.

These brethren all conveyed hearty fraternal greetings, to our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Samuel Burland, with their best wishes for a most successful Grand Lodge Communication.

Grand Chapter of Manitoba Order of the Eastern Star.

June 7th, 1945.

Mr. J. H. G. Russell,
Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.,
Royal Alexandra Hotel,
Winnipeg, Man.

Dear Mr. Russell:

It was unanimously voted at our Session today that Greetings and best wishes be forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., now in Session, from the Officers and members of the Order of the Eastern Star in Session at the Fort Garry Hotel.

We trust your deliberations will be all that you wish them to be and that you have a most successful and harmonious Session.

We enjoyed having your Worshipful Grand Master and his officers with us on Tuesday evening.

Very truly yours,

EDITH KEEL,
Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES
1944—1945

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes presents herewith a brief synopsis of its activities since the last Communication of Grand Lodge.

Your Board has held six meetings, with an average attendance of 29.

MEETING OF JUNE 8th, 1944
(28 Present)

The Board was convened immediately following the close of Grand Lodge, with 28 members present. R.W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey, being Deputy Grand Master, became President of the Board, and R.W. Bro. Maurice Donovan, Senior Grand Warden, was appointed Vice-president.

A Committee was appointed to strike the Standing Committees of the Board as follows:

M.W. Bro. Ben C. Parker, Chairman
M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence
M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt
M.W. Bro. George Hunter
M.W. Bro. Norman J. Black

MEETING OF JULY 7th, 1944

(22 Present)

The meeting was called to receive and consider the report of the Committee to strike Standing Committees for the year 1944-1945. In the unavoidable absence of the President, the Vice-president presided.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented by the Chairman of the Committee, M.W. Bro. Ben C. Parker, and was considered seriatim. Some amendments were made and the report finally adopted as a whole.

Some consideration was given to revising "The Standard By-laws" for constituent Lodges, and the matter referred to the Committee on "The Condition of Freemasonry" for investigation and review.

The delegation from this Grand Lodge to the Banff Conference was determined for 1944.

MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 16th, 1944

(27 Present)

The Vice-president presided in the absence of the President.

The Grand Secretary reported the completion of a contract with Birks-Dingwall for a supply of fifty-year jewels.

Correspondence was received concerning two Lodges:

a. Deloraine Lodge No. 40 was granted permission to remove to new premises. The request was supported by R.W. Bro. T. A. Taylor, D.D.G.M. of the Sixth Masonic District.

b. Request from Shellmouth Lodge No. 129 to relinquish its charter was referred to the Committee on "The Condition of Freemasonry" and the D.D.G.M. of District Five, for investigation and report.

The Committee on "The Condition of Freemasonry" reported:

a. Re plans for a Conference of the D.D.G.M.'s in Winnipeg on November 17th.

b. Re plans for a meeting of all Masters elect in the First and Twelfth Masonic Districts.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Sam Burland reported on the Banff Conference.

The Grand Secretary made a statement re East Star Lodge No. 55 at Gretna, revealing some conditions in the Lodge that were unsatisfactory. This matter was referred to the Committee on "The Condition of Freemasonry" for investigation and report.

A report from R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman, Chairman of the Committe on "Masonic Research and Education" was deferred. This had to do with the paper "Masonry in Manitoba."

MEETING OF NOVEMBER 17th, 1944
(35 Present)

The President presided.

A cordial welcome was extended to the D.D.G.M.'s, all of whom had attended the Conference in the afternoon.

Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1 wrote suggesting a Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving at the end of the war in Europe. This was referred to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

The report of the Committee on "Masonic Research and Education" deferred from the last meeting of the Board was considered, and the publication of an Official Paper was finally approved.

The Committee on "The Condition of Freemasonry" reported re Shellmouth Lodge No. 129. The D.D.G.M., of the Fifth Masonic District shows that there are only four resident members, all of whom are advanced in years; that these members do not wish to join Russell Lodge on account of their inability to attend; of the three trustees, two are dead and the other is non-resident; the remaining members of the Lodge would like the remaining trustee relieved of responsibility for the indebtedness on the Lodge premises; there are no other debts. The Committee recommended that the request of Shellmouth Lodge No. 129, to surrender its charter be approved, and that the Board so recommend to the next Communication of Grand Lodge, for action.

Progress was reported re East Star Lodge.

The Investment Committee reported on Bond Purchases:
$5,500 from the Beneficiary Fund—7th Victory Loan.
$500 from the Benevolent Endowment Fund—7th Victory Loan.

This action was approved.

The Special War Services Committee reported 928 names of Members, sons and daughters of Members enrolled as enlisted in the services, and employment of clerical assistance to index these names was approved.

Conditions of Masonic Lodges in Malta was reported and £200 Sterling granted for their assistance and relief.

Under Section 55 of the Constitution, the Board recommended to the Grand Lodge the conferring of Honorary Membership to the Board, of R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr of Brandon, in recognition of many years of service to this Grand Lodge in reviewing the proceedings of sister Grand jurisdictions.

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 16th, 1945

(27 Present)

The President presided.

A letter was received from the United Grand Lodge of England, expressing appreciation for the contribution from this Grand Lodge for the relief of bombed people in England.

A request from Shiloh Lodge No. 70, Roland, to sell part of its property was granted.

Recommended that the newly installed D.D.G.M.'s meet on Friday morning following Grand Lodge for instruction and Conference, and that the extra expense be borne by the Grand Lodge.

It was reported that 84 Lodges had received 4,000 subscriptions to "Masonry in Manitoba."

Received a report from the Investment Committee of the sale of a number of bonds (face value of $96,500.00), having a market value of $111,600.00, with accrued interest of $859.21, a total value of $112,456.21, with which was purchased 3% Dominion of Canada 7th Victory Loan, amounting to $111,500.00, with accrued interest of $962.25, a total asset of $112,462.25.

The attention of the Board was called to the unique service of many years, of R. W. Brother W. A. Piper of Sprague Lodge No. 132. It was recommended that the Grand Lodge be requested to waive the present resident qualifications, and grant R.W. Bro. Piper, a Fifty-year Jewel.

MEETING OF APRIL 20th, 1945
(28 Present)

The President presided.

Notices of Motion re amendments to the Constitution were received, found to be in order by the Committee on "Jurisprudence and Appeals," and referred to the next Communication of Grand Lodge for its judgment.

The Past Masters of Ophir Lodge No. 112, Beausejour, laid a charge of "Unmasonic Conduct" against a member of that Lodge. The Board found the charge to come under Section 199, subsections "o" and "r" and appointed a trial commission to adjudicate charge.

A request from Stonewall Lodge No. 12, Stonewall, to sell its present Lodge premises, and to purchase the former Baptist church for its meeting place was approved. This request was supported by the D.D.G.M. of the Tenth Masonic District.

Received a full report from the Committee on "Research and Education," recommending that on and after the first day of January, 1946, the paper "Masonry in Manitoba" be issued by the Grand Lodge, free to every member of the jurisdiction. The Board approves of this recommendation.

The Board approved a suggestion proposed by M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt, and supported by R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that each Regular and Special Committee of the Board submit to the Finance Committee sometime before the opening of Grand Lodge, a carefully prepared and itemized estimate of the finances required to carry on their activities for the year. Upon this basis the Finance Committee will prepare its budget for submission to the Grand Lodge.

MEETING OF JUNE 6th, 1945
(37 Present)

The Board of General Purposes met this morning at ten o'clock. Reports of the several committees of the Board were received, considered, and approved. These reports will be presented to this Communication of Grand Lodge for your information and approval.

Your Board of General Purposes has had a busy year. There have been six -meetings held, with an average attendance of 29. The meetings have been harmonious, and carried on with a desire on the part of every member of the Board to serve the Craft with a maximum of efficiency and faithfulness.

All of which is respectfully submitted, on behalf of the Board.

P. T. PILKEY,
President.

J. H. G. RUSSELL,
Secretary.

Presented by R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey (25), who moved it be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. L. C. Welsh (125). Carried.

R. W. BROTHER HUGH M. KERR

That in view of the many years of faithful and efficient service to this Grand Lodge in reviewing the several Proceeedings of the sister Grand Jurisdictions, and preparing the excellent reports that have appeared in the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge from year to year on Foreign Correspondence:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Honorary Membership to the Board of General Purposes be conferred on our esteemed Right Worshipful Brother Hugh M. Kerr of Brandon, Manitoba, and that the said Right Worshipful Brother Hugh M. Kerr be made, constituted, and declared forthwith, to be an Honorary Member of the Board of General Purposes of this Grand Lodge.

Presented by R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey (25), who moved it be received and adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson (102). Carried.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER WILLIAM A. PIPER

Whereas our esteemed and beloved R.W. Brother William A. Piper has been a member of the Masonic Fraternity for more than fifty-three years, and a member of this Grand Lodge for more than twenty-four years; and a Past Master for forty-four years:

And whereas, R.W Brother Piper has rendered outstanding service to the Craft being the first Charter member of Sprague Lodge No. 132, and Master of that Lodge in 1921, 1924 and the present Master of the Lodge:

BE IT RESOLVED that this Grand Communication recognize the long and faithful service of R.W. Brother William A. Piper by granting to him the Fifty-year Jewel of this Grand Lodge.

Presented by R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey (25), who moved it be received and adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker (4). Carried.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I beg to submit for your consideration the Seventieth Annual Report of Grand Lodge for the year ending March 31st, 1945.

The Proceedings of our last Annual Communication were compiled, printed and copies mailed to our Constituent Lodges, the members of the Board of General Purposes and the Grand Lodges with whom we hold Fraternal relations.

The usual Warning Circulars and all official notices were prepared and mailed, also Certificates for all Grand Lodge Officers, Past District Deputy Grand Masters, Master Mason Certificates, Past Master Certificates and Life Members' Certificates were attended to.

We prepared "In Memoriams" for three of our Past Grand Masters in the persons of our late M.W. Bro. William Fenwick, M.W. Bro. Edward Maxwell Walker and M.W. Bro. George Nelson Jackson. These were mailed to our Constituent Lodges and all Grand Lodges with whom we hold Communication.

The yearly Returns were received from all the Constituent Lodges, covering their activities for the year 1944. From these returns we are pleased to report that we had a gross increase in our membership of 828, but regret to report that our losses through Demits, Suspensions and Deaths of 383 reduce our gain to a net of 445. You will see by the following comparative statements the record of our membership for the past two years.

These figures cover the full year, in each year:

Number of Lodges, December 31st, 1944 104
Membership at December 31st, 1943 10,133

	1943	1944	
Initiated	368	617	
Affiliated	100	131	
Reinstated	88	80	
	556	828	
			828
			10,961
Loss:			
Through Demits	118	118	
Through Suspension	75	53	
Through Death	210	212	
	403	383	
			383

Membership as at December 31st, 1944 10,578
Net gain for the year 445

77 Lodges had no Suspensions in 1944 as against 70 Lodges in 1943.

79 Lodges showed an increase in membership in 1944 as against 63 in 1943.

8 Lodges remained stationary in membership in 1944, as against 14 Lodges in 1943.

17 Lodges showed a loss in membership in 1944 as against 14 Lodges in 1943.

Degrees Conferred During the Year:

	1943	1944
Initiated	368	619
Passed	338	502
Raised	322	535
	1,028	1,656

The following Dispensations were authorized during the year:

Joint Installation of Officers		6
Attend Church Service with Regalia:		
Past Masters Association of Winnipeg	1	
Masonic Districts	7	
Constituent Lodges	21	
		29
To hold Special Meetings		5
New By-Laws and Changes		16
To change hour or date of Regular Meeting		22
To change of date for Election and Installation of Officers		10
To confer Degrees within prescribed time		12
Waivers of Jurisdiction		8
Total Dispensations		108

New Lodge Halls:

Stonewall Lodge No. 12 have purchased the Baptist Church and are making a few alterations which will give them a more commodious and better Lodge Quarters than their old building. We offer them our congratulations and are sure they will continue to grow in membership and carry on their good work.

Shoal Lake Lodge No. 92 who purchased a brick building last year and turned it into a fine Lodge Hall, made the final payment in January last and now have their building free of debt. We offer them our hearty congratulations and every good wish for the future.

We are very sorry that our Shellmouth Lodge No. 129 is asking permission of Grand Lodge to surrender their Charter on account of not having enough resident members to carry on their Lodge work.

There were a large number of courtesy Degrees conferred on our brethren in the various Grand Lodges throughout our Dominion, England and Scotland and our sincere thanks are expressed to all the Lodges interested.

The following are the Grand Representatives appointed during 1944, near other Grand Jurisdictions, and also near this Grand Jurisdiction: The appointment of the following Grand Representatives was approved by our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Samuel Burland, and the Commissions sent.

Our Grand Representatives near other Grand Jurisdictions		Date of Commission
Rio de Janerio	W. Bro. L. Bert Love Vice Bro. Leon Bensabet, resigned.	November 11, 1944
Puerto Rico	M.W. Bro. Leon G. Reyes Vice R.W. Bro. G. W. Roberts, deceased.	May 4, 1945
New York	W. Bro. Julius N. Hoff Vice R.W. Bro. C. H. G. Sorge, whose term of office has expired.	March 15, 1945
Indiana	W. Bro. Harry J. Beers Vice Bro G. W. Schneider, deceased.	February 5, 1945

Grand Representatives near this Grand Jurisdiction		Date of Commission
West Virginia	R.W. Bro. David Griffith Vice M.W. Bro. Wm. Fenwick, deceased.	November 27, 1944
Mississippi	R.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey Vice M.W. Bro. G. N. Jackson, deceased.	February 9, 1945
South Dakota	W. Bro. Jas. Wardrope Vice R.W. Bro. Tom Stockdale. removed from the Jurisdiction.	April 10, 1945
Idaho	W. Bro. David A. Best Vice R.W. Bro. H. French, whose term of office has expired.	April 21, 1945
Wisconsin	W. Bro. Norman M. Hall Vice V.W. Bro. J. Edwards, deceased.	May 7, 1945
Florida	R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green Vice M.W. Bro. Robert Hawkins, whose term of office has expired.	April 30, 1945
Massachusetts	R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes Vice R.W. Bro. Rev. G. W. Findlay, whose term of office has expired.	May 1, 1945

I wish to express my personal thanks to our Most Worshipful Grand Master, other Grand Lodge Officers, and our Standing Committees for their kindness and consideration during the past year, and to the Secretaries of our Constituent Lodges for their valued co-operation during the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. G. Russell
Grand Secretary.

Moved by R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell (114), that the Grand Secretary's Report be received and referred to the Committee on Grand Secretary's Report. Carried.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER

To the Most Worshipful The Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through the Grand Treasurer, begs to submit for your consideration and approval the following Statements covering the several accounts in connection with the finances of Grand Lodge, for the year ending March 31st, 1945:

General Fund

Exhibit "A"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "B"—Statement of Income and Expenditures.
Exhibit "C"—Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Schedule "1"—Accounts Receivable.
Schedule "2"—Details of Miscellaneous Expenditures.

Benevolent Endowment and Beneficiary Funds:

Exhibit "D"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "E"—Statement of Income and Expenditures.
Exhibit "F"—Statement of Receipts and Disbursements.
Schedule "3"—Details of Cash Receipts.
Schedule "4"—Statement of Beneficiary Fund Payments.
Schedule "5"—Statement of Mortgage Loans.

All these accounts have been audited and found to be in order as per the Auditors' Certificate appended thereto.

In presenting the Seventieth Annual Report on the finances of Grand Lodge, it is a pleasure to record that for the first time in a number of years, the General Fund, from which Grand Lodge derives the necessary revenue to carry on its activities, shows a fairly satisfactory surplus. This has been made possible by the increased per capita assessment approved at last year's Communication (for one year).

It should not be overlooked however, that the funds which make up this surplus were not available in time to be used in carrying out the proposed programme prepared by the Standing Committees for the betterment of the Craft.

These Committees, particularly the Committees on the Condition of Freemasonry and on Masonic Research and Education, have prepared programmes for the improvement of the Craft, which, with the funds now available can be put into effect during the ensuing year. In order to derive expected benefits from these plans, they must be continued and expanded from year to year. This will entail substantially increased expenditures. The main source of revenue is from the per capita assessment. It is hoped therefore that the Amendment to the Constitution to be dealt with at this Communication increasing the assessment to $1.50 as a permanent source of revenue will receive the favorable consideration of the brethren.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEX. BURGESS,
Grand Treasurer.

April 11th, 1945.

To the Most Worshipful The Grand Master, Officers and
Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

We desire to report that we have audited the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer of The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31st, 1945, and in connection submit the following Financial Statements.

General Fund:

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Exhibit "C"—Statement of Receipts and Disbursements.
Schedule "1"—Accounts Receivable.
Schedule "2"—Details of Miscellaneous Expenditure.

Benevolent Endowment Fund and Beneficiary Fund:

Exhibit "D"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "E"—Statement of Income and Expenditure.
Exhibit "F"—Statement of Receipts and Disbursements.
Schedule "3"—Details of Cash Receipts.
Schedule "4"—Statement of Beneficiary Fund.
Schedule "5"—Statement of Mortgage Loans.

Cash in Bank:

The balances at Bank were confirmed by certificates obtained by us direct from the Bank.

Investments:

The securities representing the investments were inspected by us and found in order.

All Bonds and Debentures are fully registered in the name of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Yours truly,
ADAM ARMSTRONG & CO.
Chartered Accountants.

Exhibit "A"

BALANCE SHEET
GENERAL FUND

As at March 31st, 1945

ASSETS

Current:			
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce		$7,571.85	
Cash in Hand (Petty)		8.48	
Accounts Receivable (Per Schedule "1")		487.84	
			$8,068.17
Inventories:			
Supplies and Stock	$3,425.00		
Valued at			1.00
Equipment:			
Furniture and Fixtures	$ 711.00		
Regalia	540.00		
Library and Fixtures	2,500.00		
	$3,751.00		
Valued at			1.00
			$8,070.17

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable (Masonic Paper)	802.88
Surplus (Per Exhibit "B")	7,267.29
	$8,070.17

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.F., for the year ended March 31st, 1945, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31st, 1945.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ADAM ARMSTRONG & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man., April 11th, 1945.

Exhibit "B"

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1945

INCOME

Dues	$13,261.50
Initiations	1,212.00
M.M. Certificates	1,063.00
P.M. Certificates	63.00
L.M. Certificates	60.00
Dispensations	38.00
Insurance (Fire)	40.00
Total Income	$15,737.50

EXPENDITURE

Salaries	$4,305.92	
Rent	800.00	
Postage and Stamp Tax	291.67	
Stationery and Office Supplies	334.81	
Supplies	337.64	
Regalia, Grand Master	193.50	
Expense Grand Master	500.00	
L.M. Certificates	39.92	
M.M. Certificates	40.78	
Committee on Conditions of Freemasonry	12.32	
Library Maintenance	1,239.75	
Masonic Research and Educational	17.14	
Jewel, P.G.M.	60.00	
Unemployment Insurance	28.62	
Exchange	30.05	
Miscellaneous	2,947.77	
Total Expenditure		11,179.89
Net Income for Year		$ 4,557.61
Surplus as at March 31st, 1944		2,709.68
Surplus as at March 31st, 1945		$ 7,267.29

Exhibit "C"

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1945

RECEIPTS

Subordinate Lodges		$17,139.93
Masonic Paper		986.00
Cash Sales—Supplies, etc.		21.65
Exchange		3.60
Insurance (Fire)		40.00
Total Receipts		$18,191.18
Cash in Bank April 1st, 1944	$4,162.28	
Cash on Hand April 1st, 1944	.70	
Cash on Hand April 1st, 1944 (Petty)	11.93	
		4,174.91
		$22,366.09

DISBURSEMENTS

Loan Repaid	$2,000.00	
Salaries	4.305.92	
Rent	800.00	
Postage and Stamp Tax	291.67	
Stationery and Office Supplies	334.81	
Regalia, Grand Master	193.50	
Expense, Grand Master	500.00	
L.M. Certificates	39.92	
M.M. Certificates	40.78	
Masonic Paper	183.12	
Committee on Condition of Freemasonry	12.32	
Masonic Research and Educational	17.14	
Library—Maintenance	1,239.75	
Jewel, P.G.M.	60.00	
Supplies	1,441.79	
Unemployment Insurance	28.62	
Benevolent Fund (Life Members' Fees)	315.00	
Exchange	33.65	
Miscellaneous (Per Schedule "2")	2,947.77	
Total Disbursements		14,785.76
Cash in Bank March 31st, 1945	$7,571.85	
Cash in Hand March 31st, 1945 (Petty)	8.48	
		7,580.33
		$22,366.09

Schedule "1"

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

GENERAL FUND

As at March 31st, 1945

		Amount	
No.	Name of Lodge	Dr.	Cr.
7.	Assiniboine Lodge	$ 16.95	
8.	King Solomon	.75	
10.	Northern Light	10.65	
12.	Stonewall		.75
14.	Prince of Wales	143.10	
27.	Glenwood	7.90	
30.	Manitou	2.00	
40.	Deloraine	6.80	
50.	Killarney	7.80	
52.	Hartney		2.00
55.	East Star	17.30	
63.	Holland		1.95
64.	Composite	42.30	
71.	Crystal	16.15	
77.	Napinka	10.00	
82.	Cypress	132.14	
90.	Midlothian		1.25
92.	Shoal Lake	.75	
93.	King Edward	3.00	
94.	Hiram	19.35	
100.	Robbie Burns	2.00	
104.	Reston	.60	
106.	Strathclair	6.60	
108.	Union	.45	
109.	Swan Lake	4.00	
111.	Acacia	3.25	
120.	Penza	12.00	
124.	The Pas	3.45	
129.	Shellmouth		3.00
136.	Capitol	5.20	
137.	Lord Selkirk	2.75	
141.	Tuscan	1.85	
144.	Fort Osborne	1.65	
147.	Jubilee	2.00	
150.	Cartwright	.60	
151.	The Dormer	.45	
154.	Pine Falls	1.00	
155.	Carman	12.00	
		$496.79	$8.95
		8.95	
		$487.84	

Schedule "2"

DETAILS OF MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE

GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1945

Particulars	Amount
Proceedings	$ 687.96
Grand Lodge Communication	555.40
Audit	150.00
Bond for Secretary	3.75
Telephone and Telegraph	120.97
Travelling	851.27
Flowers	75.50
Christmas Cards	37.26
Henderson Directory	21.60
Christmas Expense	25.00
Masonic Relief Association	56.40
Warning Circulars	22.68
List of Lodges	14.04
Safety Deposit Box	15.00
Typewriter Inspection	10.00
Substitute Stenographer	40.00
Fifty Year Medals	62.50
Repairs Office Rugs	59.50
Memorial Certificates	33.48
Miscellaneous	105.46
	$2,947.77

Exhibit "D"

BALANCE SHEET BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND AND BENEFICIARY FUND

As at March 31st, 1945

ASSETS

Current:			
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce		$ 9,304.23	
Cash on Hand		40.00	
Interest Accrued		1,434.75	
			$ 10.778.98
Investments:			
Mortgage Loans		$ 4,124.32	
	Par Value		
Province of Manitoba Debentures	$ 49,000.00		
Greater Winnipeg Water District Debentures	16,000.00		
Province of Saskatchewan Debentures	11,000.00		
Dominion of Canada Bonds	171,800.00		
Canadian National Railway Bonds	8,000.00		
City of Winnipeg Debentures	2,177.83		
		257,977.83	
War Savings Certificates		480.00	
Beneficiary Fund:			
Dominion of Canada Bonds		31,600.00	
			$294,182.15
Property:			
Acquired Throuh Foreclosure:			
191 Ethelbert		4,712,39	
299 Waverley		9,270.57	
275 Harvard		9,555.18	
			23,538.14
Taxes Prepaid			684.89
			$329,184.16

LIABILITIES

Surplus (Per Exhibit "E")	$329,184.16
	$329,184.16

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31st, 1945, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31st, 1945.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ADAM ARMSTRONG & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man., April 11th, 1945.

Exhibit "E"

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND AND BENEFICIARY FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1945

INCOME

Interest—Bonds and Debentures	$12,529.09	
Premium—Bonds and Debentures	600.00	
		$ 13,129.09
Interest—Bonds and Debentures (Converted)		856.21
Interest—Accrued Bonds and Debentures		472.50
Interest—Mortgages		294.96
Life Members Fees		315.00
Donations Lodges		2,031.99
Rent and Taxes Rebated (Jessie)		55.77
		$17,155.52

EXPENDITURE

Beneficiary Fund (Per Schedule "4")		$ 5,634.37	
Tax Deducted U.S. Bond Interest		329.92	
Exchange		20.60	
			5,984.89
Net Income for Year			$ 11,170.63
Surplus as at March 31st, 1944		$294,634.78	
Add:			
Profit on Bonds Converted	$15,100.00		
Bonds Brought to Par Value	8,278.75		
		$ 23,378.75	
			$ 318.013,53
Surplus as at March 31st, 1945			$329,184.16

Exhibit "F"

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND AND BENEFICIARY FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1945

RECEIPTS

Total Receipts (Per Schedule "3")		$20,557.35
Cash in Bank, April 1st, 1944		6,716.37
		$27,273.72

DISBURSEMENTS

Dominion of Canada Bonds Purchased		$11,000.00
Dominion of Canada Bonds Re Conversion		6.04
Beneficiary Fund		5,634.37
Real Estate, Taxes, Insurance, Repairs and Collection Commissions, etc.:		
191 Ethelbert Street	$ 54.53	
926 Jessie Avenue	3.00	
299 Waverley Street	166.34	
275 Harvard Avenue	29.80	
Taxes Prepaid	684.89	
		938.56
Exchange		20.60
Tax Deducted U.S. Bond Interest		329.92
Total Disbursements		$17,929.49
Cash in Bank, March 31st, 1945	$9,304.23	
Cash on Hand, March 31st, 1945	40.00	
		9,344.23
		$27,273.72

Schedule "3"

DETAILS OF CASH RECEIPTS BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND AND BENEFICIARY FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1945

Mortgage Principal:		
Loan No. 2.	$100.00	
Loan No. 5.	221.49	
Loan No. 38.	100.00	
Loan No. 40.	167.26	
Loan No. 41.	430.29	
		$ 1,019.04
Mortgage Interest:		
Loan No. 2.	$ 88.50	
Loan No. 5.	13.51	
Loan No. 38.	70.50	
Loan No. 40.	32.74	
Loan No. 41	89.71	
		294.96
Rents Received Property:		
191 Ethelbert Street	$460.00	
299 Waverley Street	900.00	
275 Harvard Avenue	720.00	
926 Jessie Avenue	60.00	
		$ 2,140.00
Interest and Premiums Bonds and Debentures		13,129.09
Donations		1,631.99
Life Members Fees		315.00
Taxes Rebated (926 Jessie)		27.27
General Fund Loan Repaid		2,000.00
Total Receipts		$20,557.35

Schedule "4"

STATEMENT OF BENEFICIARY FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1945

No.	Name of Lodge	On Account of	Amount
1.	Prince Rupert	H. C.	$ 140.00
1.	Prince Rupert	Mrs. C. S.	105.00
2.	Lisgar	Mr. F. J.	125.00
3.	Ancient Landmark	W. P.	89.00
3.	Ancient Landmark	Mrs. McC.	185.00
3.	Ancient Landmark	Mrs. D. O'C.	60.00
4.	St. John's	Mrs. J. J. B.	125.00
8.	King Solomon	J. H. S.	65.00
10.	Northern Light	Mrs. E. E. B.	60.00
10.	Northern Light	Mrs. E. M. Q.	65.00
11.	Gladstone	Mrs. M. E.	185.00
12.	Stonewall	Mrs. McF.	245.00
12.	Stonewall	Mrs. G. W.	125.00
12.	Stonewall	Mrs. F. S.	185.00
24.	Neepawa	Mrs. R. A. T.	185.00
25.	Ionic	Mrs. E. E. D.	180.00
40.	Deloraine	Mr. G. R. A.	185.00
50.	Killarney	W. E. H.	445.00
55.	East Star	T. A.	305.00
62.	Russell	A. M.	305.00
63.	Holland	Mrs. M. M.	200.37
68.	Vermillion	Mrs. W. H. L.	125.00
68.	Vermillion	B. J. S.	125.00
84.	Hamiota	Mrs. I. R.	125.00
90.	Midlothian	Mrs. M. C.	125.00
93.	King Edward	Mrs. M. J.	240.00
100.	Robbie Burns	W. E. J. B.	125.00
104.	Reston	C. B. B.	95.00
107.	Lansdowne	J. McD.	65.00
112.	Ophir	Mrs. R. B. T.	305.00
119.	Norwood	Mrs. V. H.	125.00
119.	Norwood	Mrs. F. A. McD.	125.00
121.	St. James	Mrs. J. McG.	60.00
131.	Kildonan	T. H.	305.00
143	Mt, Sinai	Mrs. F. Z.	125.00
			$5,634.37

Schedule "5"

STATEMENT OF MORTGAGE LOANS
BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND

As at March 31st, 1945

	Principal
Loan No. 2.	$1,400.00
Loan No. 5.	109.60
Loan No. 38.	1,100.00
Loan No. 40.	385.05
Loan No. 41.	1,129.67
	$4,124.32

Presented by R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3), who moved it be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. H. A. Innes (3). Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE AND APPEALS

May 18th, 1945.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brothers:

The Board of General Purposes, through its Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals begs to report as follows:

Certain proposed amendments to the Constitution of Grand Lodge were received for consideration by your Committee, and your Committee finds that the proposed amendments have been properly introduced in accordance with the Constitution of Grand Lodge and are in order for presentation to Grand Lodge and are within the powers of Grand Lodge under its Act of Incorporation and amending Acts and its Constitution.

There have been no rulings made by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge, or the Board, to be considered by your Committee, nor has it been called upon to review any rulings of the Most Worshipful Grand Master before the same were submitted to Grand Lodge.

Your Committee has not been called upon to review evidence in connection with recommendations for expulsion as no such recommendations have been made, nor has it been called upon to consider and report upon any appeals from decisions of any Lodge or its Master or upon petitions for restoration after expulsion.

Your Committee wishes to record its thanks and appreciation to the Right Worshipful the Grand Secretary for his constant kindness and courtesy.

Fraternally submitted,
S. HART GREEN,
Chairman, Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals.

Moved by M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni (11), seconded by R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh (113), the report be received and adopted. Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF FREEMASONRY

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on the condition of Freemasonry, begs to submit the following report.

The Committee, realizing that the influence of the District Deputy Grand Masters and of the Masters is most important in maintaining the efficiency of our Lodges, felt that a beginning should be made to give these Officers a clearer conception of the importance of their positions. Consequently, on Friday, November 17th, all the District Deputy Grand Masters were called to the city at the expense of Grand Lodge. During the afternoon these met Grand Lodge Officers and members of the Committee in conference. Each D.D.G.M. gave a report of his work up to that time. Following this a number of problems confronting them were taken up and fully discussed. After dinner all attended the meeting of the Board of General Purposes.

We believe the meeting achieved its purpose, and suggest that it be made a regular part of the Committee's programme. After the experience of one meeting, we feel that improvements can be made to render it still more useful.

On Friday, November 24th, a meeting of all Masters-elect in the Winnipeg and surrounding area was held. This was well attended, and here again the duties of the Master and the importance of his Office were emphasized, and a full discussion of various problems took place.

Since the success of any Lodge depends largely on the ability and enthusiasm of the Master, any help that can be given him in facing his responsibilities is well worth while. Meetings in Winnipeg can serve less than one-third of the Masters in the Jurisdiction. Would it be possible for the District Deputy Grand Masters to bring together the new Officers of his Lodges in small groups and discuss with them their work and their responsibilities? The opportunity to share experiences and to discuss common problems will be valued by any conscientious Master.

The Committee, in a further effort to give help and guidance to the D.D.G.M.'s, is arranging for those elected at this Grand Lodge Communication to remain over another day for a conference with the Grand Master and this Committee. Extra expense thus incurred will be met by Grand Lodge. Thus these Officers will have a better understanding of their duties at the beginning of their term of office.

In reviewing the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters the Committee finds that throughout the Jurisdiction there has generally been a quickening of interest in Freemasonry. Many Lodges have been active in Degree Work, and have been receiving younger men as Initiates who are bringing a new enthusiasm to their Lodges. The upward trend in membership which began in 1943 has accelerated this year. Seventy-nine Lodges show an increase in membership, 17 show a decrease, and 8 remained stationary. This compares with 63 Lodges showing an increase in 1943, 27 showing a decrease, and 14 stationary in membership. The total membership at the end of 1943 was 10,133. At the end of 1944 it stood at 10,578, an increase of 445. All this indicates an encouraging vigor in the Lodges of the Jurisdiction.

This renewed interest has been helped by the influence of the Grand Masters. Their messages to the District Meetings and Lodges have shown a deep understanding of Freemasonry, and their genuine friendliness among the brethren has helped to bring a better understanding of the work of Grand Lodge Officers.

The publication of the paper "Masonry in Manitoba" by the Committee on Masonic Research and Education has been an important contribution to a better knowledge of Freemasonry in our Province. It is only on the firm foundation of knowledge that a strong and useful organization can be built. The Craft throughout the Jurisdiction has benefitted by this commendable effort.

There are, however, a few exceptions to the general strengthening of interest in the Fraternity. It is with regret that the Committee reports that Shellmouth Lodge No. 129, after being practically dormant for some time, decided to surrender its Charter. There are now only four resident members, some of these advanced in years, and it has not been possible to hold regular meetings. Rt. Wor. Bro. Berwick of the Fifth District visited Shellmouth Lodge at the request of the Committee, and after talking the matter over with all available members, reported that there is no possibility of reviving the Lodge. The Committee, after obtaining all the information possible, has recommended that the proper steps be taken to grant the request of Shellmouth Lodge to surrender its Charter.

One other Lodge should be mentioned, East Star Lodge No. 55. Although this Lodge has recently observed its 50th anniversary, and has bought a building for a Lodge Room, conditions are far from satisfactory. Rt. Wor. Bro. Welsh, the D.D.G.M. of the Eighth District has given considerable time to this Lodge. In spite of his efforts, little improvement has been shown. His report on this Lodge states. "The spirit of Freemasonry is not there, at least in the resident members, none of them seem to want to do any work." He also states, "On my official visit I told them that if there was no sign of improvement in the next few months I was going to recommend to Grand Lodge to take away their Charter." The Committee recommends that the incoming District Deputy Grand Master for this District be asked to make a special report on this Lodge before the end of 1945, and if no sign of progress is evident, that recommendation be made to Grand Lodge to take away their Charter.

A few other Lodges show definite signs of weakness. Of one Lodge the D.D.G.M. reports, "Financially they are getting along fine, but when it comes to brotherly love I think that there is a certain amount lacking." Of another he says, "I was somewhat disappointed in this Lodge. There is something wrong, just what I cannot say, unless it needs more new blood." In a few other Lodges small attendance and lack of interest on the part of the officers were noticed. At one visit of the D.D.G.M. a Lodge had eight of its officers absent.

The Committee feels that help might be given to some of these weaker Lodges by visits from Grand Lodge Officers, who would try to arouse interest by conferring with the officers and seeking the cause of the difficulty, and perhaps by holding a Lodge of Instruction. To enable this to be done, the Committee has asked that sufficient money be placed at its disposal to send Grand Lodge Officers to make such visits.

The reports on Form 21 reveal one serious weakness that is all too prevalent, that is the inability of so many Masters to confer the Degrees. In these Lodges the Past Masters do most of the Degree work, and the Master seems to be willing to leave the responsibility to them. This situation has been dealt with in previous reports of this Committee, and further comment would appear to be useless. Taking recognition of this situation the Committee urges the District Deputy Grand Masters to impress upon the Masters their responsibility in this regard, and to advise the Wardens and Junior Officers that it is their duty to begin preparation of the Degrees well in advance. If, during the next year, no definite improvement is seen in this matter, the Committee is prepared to propose an amendment to the Constitution requiring that every Master-elect, before he is installed, give satisfactory evidence that he can confer the three Degrees. Any brother who is considered worthy to occupy the Master's chair, and who has the welfare of the Lodge at heart, should be willing to give the necessary time to the preparation of the Degrees while Warden. The incoming D.D.G.M.'s will be asked to take special note of this condition during their visits, and report to this Committee.

In the days that lie before us, Freemasonry, like other institutions, will need to prove its worth. The influence of a Masonic Lodge in a community, though indirect, is none the less definite. Wherever a Lodge is inefficient, or is weakened by lack of harmony, the whole craft falls in the estimation of the community, and its influence for good destroyed. It is surely worth some effort and sacrifice on the part of officers and members to make the Lodge a centre of true fellowship and earnest endeavour to carry out Masonic principles, and to see that only those who measure up to the standards of Freemasonry are admitted. Masonry is too fine an influence to be marred by the thoughtlessness or neglect of anyone who does not value its teachings and make an effort to live them.

The Committee wishes to pay tribute to the Masters of Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction. With few exceptions they have been keenly aware of their responsibilities, and have endeavoured earnestly to impress upon their brethren the value of Freemasonry.

The District meetings generally showed thoughtful preparation on the part of the D.D.G.M.'s. The attendance in some cases was less than expected, as the meetings came during harvest. The time of the District meeting is always a vexed question. It seems to the Committee that the wiser policy would be to hold these meetings before the middle of August, since the time of harvest in Manitoba is always uncertain. This matter will be discussed with the District Deputy Grand Masters at their meeting during this Grand Lodge Communication.

Again, however, it should be emphasized that the District meeting is not arranged merely to hear the Grand Master and Grand Lodge officers. The success of the meeting will depend on the willingness of the individual members of the District to contribute some useful discussion, and to make the meeting serve their own particular needs.

We would extend our thanks to the District Deputy Grand Masters. Each one has carried out his duties zealously, and has served his District well. They have made a fine contribution to Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction. Every Lodge has had an official visit from its D.D.G.M., and all reports on Form 21 have been sent in; some, it is true, a little late, but all completed. We would like to suggest that some of these reports would be still more useful if the general comment on the condition of the Lodge were more detailed. The mere statement that the D.D.G.M. enjoyed his visit is not sufficient information on which to base a competent opinion of the condition of the Lodge.

We recommend that the following be given the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Masters in recognition of their efficient service during the past year:

R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes	First Masonic District
R.W. Bro. T. E. Squires	Second Masonic District
R.W. Bro. Harry Zachary	Third Masonic District
R.W. Bro. F. B. Lynes	Fourth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. W. D. Berwick	Fifth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. Thos. A. Taylor	Sixth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh	Seventh Masonic District
R.W. Bro. L. C. Welsh	Eighth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. Fred Starr	Ninth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. D. C. Robertson	Tenth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. David MacKay	Twelfth Masonic District

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry.

H. B. DONNELLY,
Chairman.

R. E. EMMETT,
Secretary.

Presented by R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138), who moved it be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. F. B. Lynes (71). Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE, ON REVIEWS OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF OTHER GRAND LODGES

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Correspondence presents herewith its annual reviews of the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges.

It is noted that, with few exceptions, Grand Masters are exercising restraint in the matter of granting dispensations to enable applicants to evade the usual time limits in their progress through the degrees.

In many jurisdictions it is anticipated that the present trend towards an increase in membership in most countries will continue, and emphasis has been placed by numerous Grand Masters on the necessity of the most thorough work by the Investigating Committees of Lodges, so that quality and not quantity may be the watchword in the admission of new members. Evidently the lessons taught us in the last war are remembered.

Physical qualification is also one of the paramount issues that is troubling many Grand Lodges, and several favour a letting down of the present requirements.

The reading of these proceedings has been both instructive and interesting, and I have endeavoured to bring to your attention those matters believed to be of interest to the brethren.

Fraternally submitted,

H. M. KERR,
Chairman.

Moved by R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3), the Report be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. W. D. Berwick (102). Carried.

COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS

Report for the Year Ended March 31st, 1945

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
A.F. & A.M.:

Brethren:

Your Committee on Investments reports a substantial increase of $31,828.28 during the year in the invested capital of the Endowment and Beneficiary Funds. The following comparative statement gives particulars of the increase:

ENDOWMENT FUND

	Year ended March 31, 1945	Year ended March 31, 1944	Increase or Decrease
Bonds	$257,977.83	$237,699.08	+ $20,278.75
Mortgages	4,124.32	5,143.46	— 1,019.14
Property	23,536.14	25,367.47	— 1,831.33
War Saving Certificates	480.00	480.00	
	$286,118.29	$268,690.01	+ $17,428.28

BENEFICIARY FUND

	Year ended March 31, 1945	Year ended March 31, 1944	Increase or Decrease
Dominion of Canada Bonds	$31,600.00	$17,200.00	+ $14,400.00

Increases—	
Endowment Fund	$17,428.28
Beneficiary Fund	14,400.00
Total Increase	$31,828.28

$23,378.75 of this increase was derived as follows:

Profit on Bonds Converted	$15,100.00
Bonds brought to par value	8,278.75
	$23,378.75

The balance of $8,449.53, from unexpended revenue of the Beneficiary Fund, donations from Lodges, and Life Membership fees.

BOND CONVERSION

The following bonds, having a par value of $96,500.00, were sold at the prices indicated below, realizing the sum of $111,600.00, and making a profit of $15,100.00. The proceeds of this sale were immediately invested in $111,500.00 Dominion of Canada Seventh Victory Loan Bonds.

$42,500	Prov. of Man. 4% at 115¼	$48,981.25
10,000	Prov. of B.C. 5% at 126¾	12,675.00
10,000	Prov. of Sask. 5½% at 109¼	10,925.00
10,000	Prov. of Alta. 4½% at 96¼	9,625.00
9,000	Prov. of Man. 5% at 122	10,980.00
2,000	Prov. of B.C. 4½% at 122	2,440.00
3,000	Prov. of B.C. 4½% at 131⅝	3,948.75
10,000	Point Grey 5% at 120½	12,025.00
$96,500		$111,600.00
	Profit	$ 15,100.00

The total bond and debenture investments of the Endowment and Beneficiary Funds now amount to $290,057.83, of which $211,880.00 or 73% are in Dominion of Canada Securities.

MORTGAGE LOANS

During the year payments to the amount of $1,019.04 were received on account of principal, thus reducing our mortgage investments to $4,124.32.

PROPERTY

We are still in possession of the following properties:

191 Ethelbert St., $4,712.39. Rented at $45.00.
299 Waverley St., $9,270.57. Rented at $75.00.
275 Harvard Ave., $9,555.18. Rented at $60.00.

Rents received during the year amounted to	$2,140.00
Taxes, insurance, repairs, etc.	253.67
Net revenue	$1,886.33

Your Committee proposes to convert 191 Ethelbert, which is in a very dilapidated condition, into a duplex dwelling, as soon as building materials are available. In its present condition it is unsaleable.

In addition to the purchase of Victory Bonds, with the proceeds of the Bond Conversion, the sum of $11,000.00 was reported by the Grand Secretary as available for investment. This sum was invested in Sixth and Seventh Victory Loan Bonds.

Fraternally submitted,

ROYAL BURRITT,
Chairman.

Presented by M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt (130), who moved it be received and adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd (140). Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION RE MASONIC DISTRICTS

That the Masonic Districts, as at present constituted, remain so for the ensuing year.

Moved by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, seconded by M.W. Bro. Harry Woods, and carried.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment at 5:00 p.m. by Most Worshipful Bro. Samuel Burland, Grand Master, to reconvene at 8:00 p.m. for the evening session.

Evening Session

Wednesday, June 6th, 1945.

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters, entered the Lodge Room in procession, the brethren singing the processional hymn "Lead us, Heavenly Father, Lead us."

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. Samuel Burland, at 8.20 p.m. with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Harry B. Wallace.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The following distinguished guests were presented at the altar:

Grand Lodge of Minnesota:
M.W. Bro. Ralph Stanford, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. Chauncey C. Colton, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. Louis H. Colson, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. Wm. F. Holman, G.M.
R.W. Bro. W. B. Congdon.
Presented by M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of North Dakota:
M.W. Bro. H. W. Swenson, G.M.
M.W. Bro. Charles M. Pollock, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. Harry W. Gill, P.G.M.
R.W. Bro. John A. Storman.
Presented by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of Alberta:
M.W. Bro. Wm. F. Ireland, G.M.
Presented by M.W. Bro. George Hunter, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan:
M.W. Bro. J. C. Carter, G.M.
R.W. Bro. R. A. Tate, Grand Secretary.
Presented by M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of Illinois:
M.W. Bro. Karl J. Mohr, P.G.M.
Presented by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, P.G.M.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master received our distinguished guests, gave them a very hearty welcome, and requested the Most Worshipful Brethren who introduced them to conduct them to seats in the Grand East.

FLAG CEREMONY

Under the direction of W. Bro. Sid A. Foreman (4).

Bro. Capt. David McKay of the Cameron Highlanders, bearing the Union Jack;

Bro. Capt. Florine, member of the local U. S. Forces, bearing the Stars and stripes.

These brethren entered, were received, and presented the Flags at the Altar.

The brethren sang one verse each of

"God Save the King"

and

"The Star-Spangled Banner."

Prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain, and the Flags were placed in the Grand East.

GAVEL FROM GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

At this session of our Grand Lodge, a gavel, which has been sent around and used by most of the Jurisdictions of the United States and Canada, was made use of by our Most Worshipful Grand Master. It was sent to our Grand Lodge by the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, who asked us if we would be kind enough to use it at one of our Sessions, and the following is its history:

"It is made of poplar wood taken from the Guilford Courthouse Battle Ground near the City of Greensboro, North Carolina. The battle of Guilford Courthouse was one of the decisive battles of the Revolutionary War, and General Nathaniel Greene was in command. This battle was fought in March, 1781. The battle ground is now a National Military Park and is the most beloved place in this section of the state. The wood in the gavel grew on this field.

"This gavel was used by our Grand Master in April, 1939, in opening our Grand Lodge, and it has been used by 48 other Grand Masters since then."

It is the hope of the brethren of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina that this gavel will be used by the Grand Master of every Grand Jurisdiction in Canada at some Masonic meeting, after which, it will be placed in their Masonic Museum.

The Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges were presented:

Alberta	R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr
Canada (in Ontario)	M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence
Colorado	R.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy
Connecticut	R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan
Denmark	M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni
England	M.W. Bro. W. J. Major
Florida	R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green
France, N.G.L.	R.W. Bro. C. H. Midwinter
Georgia	R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell

Honduras	R.W. Bro. A. G. Cowan
Idaho	W. Bro. D. A. Best
Illinois	R.W. Bro. W. R. Leslie
Ireland	M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd
Kansas	M.W. Bro. Jabez Miller
Louisiana	R.W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole
Maine	R.W. Bro. W. D. Harper
Massachusetts	R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes
Mexico, Y.G.L.	R.W. Bro. M. A. Nitikman
Minnesota	M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker
Mississippi	R.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey
Montana	R.W. Bro. M. S. Watson
Nebraska	R.W. Bro. H. Mackenzie
New Brunswick	M.W. Bro. G. R. Calvert
New Hampshire	M.W. Bro. Geo. Hunter
New Jersey	R.W. Bro. W. G. Corbett
New Mexico	R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly
New South Wales	M.W. Bro. Jas. Mackie
New York	R.W. Bro. Geo. A. Woodside
New Zealand	M.W. Bro. Samuel Burland
North Carolina	R.W. Bro. Robert Peel
Nova Scotia	M.W. Bro. D. S. Woods
Oklahoma	V.W. Bro. Harry M. Smith
Oregon	M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson
Puerto Rico	R.W. Bro. G. V. Henderson
Quebec	R.W. Bro. H. T. Waters
Rio de Janeiro	R.W. Bro. Wm. Cairns
Saskatchewan	R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess
Scotland	M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas
South Carolina	R.W. Bro. Chas. R. Sayer
South Dakota	W. Bro. Jas. Wardrope
Tennessee	M.W. Bro. Jas. S. MacEwing
Vermont	R.W. Bro. F. K. Purdie
Virginia	M.W. Bro. Harry Woods
Washington	R.W. Bro. Geo. R. Mackay
West Virginia	R.W. Bro. David Griffith
Western Australia	W. Bro. A. J. Wright
Wisconsin	W. Bro. Norman M. Hall

Each brought greetings from the Grand Lodge he represented, after which they were accorded Grand Honors, and the M.W. Grand Master addressed them in a few well chosen words, thanking them for their kind fraternal greetings and expressing the hope that they would write to their respective Grand Lodges conveying our pleasure in their presence here, and reciprocating their friendly greetings and good wishes.

M.W. Bro. W. J. Major (25), responded on behalf of the Grand Representatives, to the Grand Master's welcome.

SINGING

V.W. Bro. J. J. Lyon, Grand Organist and Conductor. Solo by W. Bro. H. D. L. James (Master of Lord Selkirk Lodge No. 137), the brethren insisting on an encore.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
A.F. and A.M.:

My Brethren :

It is with sincere pleasure that I extend to you a cordial welcome to this the Seventieth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M. It has pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to permit us to assemble once again and it is my great privilege to greet each and every one of you. Your attendance at this Communication is an evidence of your deep interest in this great Fraternity of ours and what it stands for in our civilization today. Seventy years ago in the City of Winnipeg met three lodges —known today as Prince Rupert's, Lisgar, and Ancient Landmark. Their membership was about 200 all told. They took the bold step of forming the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, whose territory extended to what is now known as Saskatchewan and Alberta. To these pioneers we are indebted for their vision and faith. So well did they lay foundations that there are now three Grand Lodges, in the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, with a membership well over 30,000.

This Communication is also one for which all our members should give thanks to the Most High for the defeat of our enemies in Europe. In Italy and Germany grew up a theory of government based on the principle that personal liberties should be greatly curtailed, that the individual was created for the benefit of the state. The lives of the people were so planned and regimented that initiative and the right to think for oneself were destroyed. To maintain their grip on their down-trodden people the leaders of these countries gathered together great armed forces and without warning sent them upon the defenseless and unprepared neighbour nations. These nations, being caught off guard, fell an easy prey to the lightning attack. As each nation was conquered Freemasonry was forbidden, and many Freemasons were sent to concentration camps, Lodges broken up and their property confiscated and destroyed. But the dictators overlooked one very important nation and that was Great Britain, the land where Freemasonry originated. Due to the courage, loyalty to ideal, and a boundless love of liberty and a willingness to fight to the end for their cause of right, liberty and justice, the enemy was halted. The might of Great Britain assisted by the members of the British Commonwealth of Nations and by our great neighbour to the south, the United States of America, finally crushed our enemies in Europe. Our Order has been forced into temporary retirement and has suffered partial eclipse in Germany and Italy and countries overrun by them, but

> "Truth crushed to earth, shall rise again,
> Th' eternal years of God are hers;
> But error wounded, writhes in pain,
> And dies among her worshippers."

That is ever the fate of the enemies of light. In its ceaseless battle with wrong throughout the ages, the victory of right, represented among others by the force of Masonry, is foreordained and inevitable.

In order that the Freemasons of Manitoba should return thanks to the Most High for victory over our enemies in Europe, I appointed a Committee to arrange for a service of Thanksgiving and Dedication. This service was held in the Auditorium, Winnipeg, on Sunday, June 3rd. It was broadcast over CKY in order that those who could not be with us in person could be with us in spirit. Very favourable comments have been heard of our Thanksgiving Service, and I wish to thank all who worked so hard to make the Service so successful.

NECROLOGY

My thoughts on "Those Who Have Gone Before" could not be better expressed than in the words of Brother Joseph Fort Newton:

"Into the stillness of this hour, borne upon the wings of music and memory of those good men and true who walked 'the broad, majestic days' with us and vanished. To them, each and all, the young, and the old, to those distinguished and those aspiring in obscurity, the fraternal sentiment of this Order makes recognition and speaks its tribute.

"Words of faith and hope have been spoken by those whose ministry it is to comfort the sorrowing and to interpret the ways of God to man. They have gone to meet their destiny. But we pause here to remember them, as they would pause to remember us were they standing here and we sleeping out there 'under the wide and starry sky.' We seek to honour them, but it is they who honour us.

"To have such men among us was a joy, and to remember them is a privilege. In their combined histories they were a power in the world; they filled many places; many were the lines of their activity; countless influences went out from their individual being. They added intellect and character to the communities in which they lived, and their going left the world poorer. We would fain believe of men who lived so nobly, and so like a blessing to their fellows, that they are among the happy dead.

"All sane minds, all high hearts, love life. We are not foolishly attached to this old earth; we are divinely bound. Many are the sweet entanglements, many are the ties that hold us here, ties of love, of friendship, of memory, of hope. Men do not willingly die; they are taken. A hand is put forth from the Unseen and leads them away from the lovely scenes of the earthly life, with its colour, its music, and its charm out into the vast Eternity. They follow a strange path of the soul, worn by the footsteps of a pilgrim multitude.

"Death stops us. It stops our race. Men are engaged in their labour or about their play; they are in the city or in the field; they are at home or far away and they are suddenly stopped. The shadow of God passes over them and they are gone. It was so with these men who were wont to gather here in other days. They had their plans and dreams; the tasks of their life beckoned them; its warm love held them; the birds were singing in their hearts. Whether in great or humble place, they had their prospects and pursuits, their ambitions and their hopes. All these are now come to an end. Their deeds are gathered in — a reckoning has been made.

"What may be their resting place in the land whither they have gone we know not, neither can we imagine. Though they seem to have melted into thin air, that is only seeming. They have not ceased to be, else life were a chaos of values, and love and reason are set at naught. All those who were once here are still here; their words are they; their acts are they; and those be forgotten, the spirit of their lives abides as a part of the great body of influence and law making for goodness and purity upon earth. Because they lived so nobly it is easier for all men to see the truth and do the right. If for no other reason, it is worth while to live well, that those who follow us may live better.

"The day is closing. To those who have fallen asleep we cry 'Hail and farewell' and for each invoke the mercy of God! Peace be with them; they were our friends and we loved them! Gracious God, rest them — these men who walked with us here, to whom there was no place like home, and no music like the sweet voices of the fireside. Eternal life give unto them, O Lord, and if it be Thy will, lead them through the gates into the city splendid—

'With light beyond the sun,
A land where dreams are ended,
And days and works are done.'"

It is with deep sorrow that I report the death of:

M.W. Brother Edward M. Walker.
M.W. Brother George N. Jackson.
M.W. Brother Frank S. McKee, Grand Secretary, British Columbia.
M.W. Brother John Moses, Past Grand Master, North Dakota.
Brother F. D. Roosevelt, the friend of Canada and the British Commonwealth of Nations.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead in its report will mention all members who have gone to salute the G.A.O.T.U. in the Celestial Lodge above.

> "For them no more the blazing hearth shall burn,
> Nor busy housewife ply her evening care,
> Nor children run to list their sire's return,
> Nor climb his knees his envied kiss to share."

In token of our sorrow and sympathy I ask you to stand a moment in silence.

There has been no greater pleasure during my term of office than the presentation of Fifty-year Jewels to the veterans of the Craft. In my opinion this is the greatest honour that any member of the Craft can receive. The presentations were made as follows:

R.W. Bro. Christian Wiechman, Treherne Lodge No. 51. In Treherne Lodge on December 27th, 1944, by R.W. Bro. Wiechman's son, Wor. Bro. J. G. Wiechman.

V.W. Bro. David Lawrence, Manitou Lodge, No. 30. V.W. Bro. Lawrence is the uncle of our M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence. His medal was presented in Rosetown Lodge No. 91, G.R.S., on February 20th, 1945, by R.W. Bro. McDougald.

Bro. David Gilmour, Norwood Lodge No. 119. This was presented by me at Norwood Lodge, February 8th, 1945.

Bro. Wm. M. Burrows, of Ionic Lodge No. 25. Presented by me at the "Old Timers' Night," May 7th, 1945, in Ionic Lodge.

R.W. Bro. Sidney E. Lang, "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114. Presented in "The Assiniboine" Lodge on my behalf by R.W. Bro. Pilkey to R.W. Bro. John Parton for R. W. Bro. Lang, on March 6th, 1945.

Wor. Bro. Charles H. S. Bamford, "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114, presented on my behalf in "The Assiniboine" Lodge on March 6th, by R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey.

Bro. John McKillop, King Solomon Lodge No. 8, presented on my behalf in The King Solomon Lodge No. 8, on May 8th, by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas.

R.W. Bro. Charles Redpath, Glenwood Lodge No. 27. Presented on my behalf by R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan at a Regional Meeting at Souris, on May 25th, 1945.

Wor. Bro. Frederick W. Clayton, Assiniboine Lodge No. 7. Presented on my behalf at his home in Victoria, B.C., by R.W. Bro. Alan W. Ford, D.D.G.M. of Victoria District No. 1, and V.W. Bro. Jas. Cavers, member of our own Grand Lodge, on May 19th, 1945.

Bro. J. T. McTavish, King Solomon Lodge No. 8. Bro. McTavish passed away before receiving the medal, but it was presented on my behalf by members of King Solomon Lodge No. 8, to his widow on May 22nd, 1945.

M.W. Bro. E. M. Walker, Northern Lodge No. 10. Bro. Walker passed away before receiving the medal, but it was presented by me to his widow at her home.

Bro. Edwin Loftus. Presented on my behalf by M.W. Bro. B. C. Parker at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, June 7th, 1945.

R.W. Bro. W. A. Piper, Sprague Lodge No. 132. Presented on my behalf by M.W. Bro. Harry Woods at the Grand Lodge Communication, June 7th, 1945.

To these Brethren who are still with us we wish them a long life of usefulness in their public and private vocations and may they be long spared to carry the banner of Freemasonry in the future as they have done for so many years in the past.

The Conference of the Grand Masters and the Grand Lodge Officers of the four Western Grand Jurisdictions was held at Banff, Alberta, on Friday and Saturday, September 9th and 10th, 1944. All the Grand Lodges were represented. Our delegates being your Grand Master; R.W. Bro. Donnovan, S.G.W.; the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Russell, and M.W. Bro. John T Boyd. The following subjects were dealt with:

Reports of Grand Secretary of each Jurisdiction.

(a) Re progress of movement of members to respective jurisdictions.

(b) Reports from I.P.G.M's
Re arranging to have representation at the Annual Communication of each of the other three Jurisdictions.

(c) Report from M. W. Bradley, I.P.G.M. of Alberta, Chairman of the Committee on Post War Youth Rehabilitation.

Other Avenues of Masonic Activities in Rehabilitation, M.W. Bro. Carter, Grand Master of Saskatchewan.

Grand Lodge Benevolent Funds in Post War Days, M.W. Bro. Ireland, Grand Master of Alberta.

Masonry's participation in the Spiritual and Psychologic Reconstruction of those serving or who have served in the Armed Forces. R.W. Bro. Rev. P. T. Pilkey, D.G.M. of Manitoba.

How best can we create and increase the interest and zeal of individual Masons in the Lodge, and also in the wider field of Masonic endeavour. R.W. Bro. Fred. C. Hayes, D.G.M. of Saskatchewan.

FORUM

Suggested Topics.

1. Would it be beneficial and helpful to extend time of Conference to two full days?
2. Should wider publicity be given to our Conference discussions?
3. What is the Status of Affiliated Brethren from other Jurisdictions:
    (a) A Past acquired rank in other Judisdictions?
    (b) Wearing of Regalia of other Jurisdictions?
    (c) Use of Ritual of other Jurisdictions if requested to work?
    (d) What attitude should be adopted in the recognition of European Grand Lodges in Post-War days?
    (e) Any other subject introduced?

It will be seen from the above list that every subject is a live one and of interest to us in Manitoba. This Conference is of great value in bringing the Grand Lodge Officers of each Jurisdiction together in fruitful discussions which may help to solve some of the problems in each Province. In addition the members get to know each other as friends and Masons. As the years pass on there is no doubt that these Conferences will be of greater value to the members and so to the Jurisdictions which they represent.

Some time ago I was approached, as Grand Master, by a Committee of Masons from one of the Masonic Bodies to lay before the Grand Lodge the suggestion of building a new Temple in Winnipeg as a Peace Memorial to those Brethren who had fallen in the War. This Temple would be owned by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. The present Temple is held by the Temple Board, consisting of representatives of the Lodges meeting in the Temple. I referred the request to the Board of General Purposes and was asked to appoint a Committee. I did so and asked the following bodies to appoint Committees to meet and discuss the proposal: the Scottish Rite, the Royal Arch Chapter, and the Temple Board.

A meeting of these representatives was held on May 23rd, 1945. After a full discussion the following motion was made and unanimously carried:

1. That a new Temple should be erected as a memorial to those members of the Craft who have made the supreme sacrifice in the cause of freedom.
2. That a Committee should be formed by the Temple Association to obtain information as to the cost of a suitable Memorial Temple, and as the means of obtaining the necessary funds.
3. That the full cost of the project, including land, building, and furnishings, be collected and in hand before any commitment is made or building operations commenced.

I would like to give you a little information on the present Temple when it was built fifty years ago. At that time, 1895, there were five Lodges in Winnipeg, viz.: Prince Rupert's, Ancient Landmark, St. John's, Northern Light, and Ionic. The total membership of these five Lodges was 566. The total membership of the Grand Jurisdiction was 2,334, and its territory took in what is now Saskatchewan and Alberta.

At the dedication of the present Temple this is what the then Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara, said:

> "I wish to congratulate the Masonic Temple Association. I congratulate them on the courage which conceived the idea of erecting this building. It is no light thing in these hard times that a comparatively small and by no means wealthy body of men should erect such a building as this is to be, a building to be erected and maintained solely by the Masonic body themselves. I further congratulate the Association on the skill and energy displayed in bringing this work to its present condition. When we bethink us of the difficulties that had to be met before reaching the point of progress at which we stand, I am sure I am voicing the sentiments of this great gathering when I sincerely congratulate the members on the splendid success which has crowned their efforts.

Brethren, I leave the matter in your hands for your very careful and sympathetic consideration.

VISITATIONS

Immediately after my election as Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Russell, Grand Secretary, and I set out for Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to take part in the celebration of the Hundredth Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. This visit will long remain in our remembrance. Every courtesy was shown us; in fact, the Iowa Brethren seemed to put themselves about to extend true American hospitality to us. Here I met some of the outstanding leaders of Masonry in the U.S.A. I had other invitations to attend other Grand Lodge Communications in other states, but I chose to visit Iowa to see their magnificent Library. It is one of the finest, if not the finest, libraries in the U.S.A. Here it was also my good fortune to meet Bro. Hayward, the author of many works on Freemasonry and one of the most learned Freemasons of today. I spent several afternoons with him in talks of things Masonic. I had the honour, during the Flag Ceremony in Grand Lodge, of receiving the American Flag, while M.W. Bro. E. R. Moore received the Union Jack. M.W. Bro. T. C. Wardley, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, gave the address on "The Flag." This, in the opinion of the members of Iowa, was the outstanding address during the Communication. Bro. Russell and I returned to Winnipeg after a week of profit and pleasure.

My next visit, the following week, was to the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, held at Fargo. M.W. Bro. W. Douglas, M.W. Bro. B. C. Parker, Bro. H. Parker and the Grand Chaplain accompanied me. Here again we were received with the utmost kindness. A close bond of friendship has existed for many years between the Masons of North Dakota and those of Manitoba, and we hope that such friendship may continue for many years to come.

I was unable to attend the Grand Lodge Communications of Saskatchewan and Alberta. However, I was ably represented by R.W. Bro. Pilkey, D.G.M., at Saskatchewan, and by R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan, S.G.W., at Alberta. Each spoke in eloquent terms of the warm welcome each received in each respective Grand Lodge.

It was with deep regret that I could not be present at the Communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, but again R.W. Bro. Pilkey and M.W. Bro. Douglas were in attendance and represented Manitoba.

On July 23rd, 1944, the international gathering at Masonic Island was held. I was unable to be present, but R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan represented me, accompanied by brethren from Brandon and Deloraine.

I received an invitation to visit the Fiftieth Anniversary of the N.W. Mounted Police Lodge at Regina. I was unable to accept the invitation, owing to another engagement, but R.W. Bro. A. K. Cates, of Reston, took my place and ably represented me.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

It was a matter of great satisfaction to me to be present at all the District Meetings in the Eleven Districts of this Grand Jurisdiction. Particulars of these Meetings will be found in the reports of the D.D.G.M.'s. One could not help being impressed by the spirit and enthusiasm of these gatherings. I felt that here friends and brethren were coming together to further the progress of Freemasonry in Manitoba. All the meetings were well attended and well organized, and I wish to congratulate all the D.D.G.M.'s on the excellent work they did for Freemasonry in our Jurisdiction during their term of office.

LODGE MEETINGS

I have endeavoured to visit as many Lodges as possible during my year of office and to bring with me as many of the Grand Lodge Officers as could possibly attend, so that the Officers and members of the Constituent Lodges might be brought into closer contact with those whom they had elected to conduct the affairs of Grand Lodge. I owe a deep debt of gratitude to all my Officers for so faithfully supporting me. Also to many of the Past Grand Masters and Members of the Board of General Purposes I extend my thanks for their support. Freemasonry need have no fear of progressing in Manitoba while such backing is given to your Grand Master. During my Lodge visits it was a great joy to see the number of petitions being received for admission to our Order. Great numbers of these came from young men and Freemasonry is demonstrating that it has great things to offer to both young and old.

I have appended a list of my visits during the year, and the number is 65. This does not include attendance at many Committee meetings too numerous to mention.

SOME OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE YEAR

1. The publication of our paper, "Masonry in Manitoba."

   This was something I long looked forward to in our Jurisdiction. It is serving a long felt want. Our Brethren are now receiving information of what is going on and understand the problems of Grand Lodge much more clearly from this acquired information.

2. Regional Meetings.

Three Regional or Area Meetings were held this year—one at Morris, one at Neepawa, and one at Souris. The Local Lodge in each place undertook the organization of each Meeting in conjunction with the D.D.G.M.'s. All expenses of these meetings were borne out of Grand Lodge funds. There is no doubt that such meetings were a great success. The attendance at all the gatherings was very large. Because the meetings were of an informal nature the Brethren felt much freer to express themselves or to ask questions. These meetings are a means of bringing Grand Lodge to the rural districts and give an opportunity to members to meet the Grand Lodge Officers when such members never have the chance to attend Grand Lodge Communications or the District meetings. In such gatherings Freemasonry is seen at its best and the inspiration so derived will last for a long time. It is the intention to have more of such meetings during the coming year.

3. Past Masters' Association of Greater Winnipeg.

This Association is now beginning to assume once again its valuable work for Freemasonry. Its series of "Masonic Forums" open to all Master Masons have been of great educational value. For the first time, I believe, in Manitoba, I gave a Dispensation to this Association to conduct a "Lodge of Instruction" under the guidance of Most Worshipful Bros. Royal Burritt and Harry Woods. Great good was derived from such a meeting, and more of these should be held in future. The Past Masters' Association is doing a real service for Freemasonry.

4. Our Benevolent Fund.

At Christmas Time I wrote to all the Constituent Lodges calling their attention to this fund, and suggesting that they remember our Fund by sending donations if they felt so inclined. Many of the Lodges and Members responded generously, and I wish to thank them for their kindness and hope that all Lodges will make a Christmas offering each year in future.

5. The contribution of this Grand Lodge of $1,000.00 to the Masons of Malta to enable them to begin their work again on that island.

CONCLUSION

Brethren, one year ago you honored me with the highest gift in your power: the important office of Grand Master. I assure you no one felt the weight of that responsibility as Grand Master more than I when M.W. Bro. Harry Woods handed me the gavel of authority. Not only do I thank you for this honour, but also for the opportunity of meeting so many of the members of the Craft, not alone in Manitoba, but also in many other Grand Jurisdictions. Such contacts have a broadening effect on one's outlook on life. In a short time my task will be completed and I shall hand on to my successor this gavel, the symbol of the office. I have tried to uphold the traditions of this great office, and have always regarded myself as the servant of the Masons of Manitoba. Freemasonry is defined in our Ritual as "A beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols." I like better that given by M.W. Bro. Richardson of New York: "Freemasonry is a life to be lived, not a formality to be perfunctorily observed. It is a life to be lived, not a set of empty deeds to which lip service is given. It is life grounded in religion, organized in morality, mellowed in good fellowship, humanized in charity and dedicated to service." Let us remember that the world judges us not by what we do in the Lodge room, but by our words and actions in the shop, the office, the street.

As I look over this great assemblage tonight I cannot help being impressed with the fact that in spite of the great war, which is still going on after five years of bloodshed, that we meet as Masons in love and peace and harmony. Ours is an order that stands for freedom, tolerance and love of our fellow-men. Our guiding principles are the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. Surely no Institution has a better chance of influencing the world than our Masonic Fraternity. We have always been builders; we possess the tools to build better men, and so a better world. Final peace will bring many difficult problems and dangers. Leaders will be needed, and surely Masonry should be able to provide such men who have the welfare of humanity at heart. May we pledge ourselves to support every effort that has for its ideal the uplift of humanity. May we help to make this land of ours fit for the boys who are now returning

> "A land where freedom slowly broadens down
> From precedent to precedent."

I would like to quote the words of the First Grand Master at the first Communication of this Grand Jurisdiction in 1876. His words ring true today as on the day he uttered them:

"Brethren, guard well your portals, respect the ancient landmarks, resist all innovations. Should you deviate any from the established order of things, let it be in the direction of antiquity, and be solicitous rather for quality than for quantity. Number is but a vulgar test of strength—true strength consists in goodness. So let your light shine before men that the world may award you the respect to which Masonry, as the oldest of all institutions, is so justly entitled. Realize that you are still engaged in laying the foundations of the Order in the great North-West, and that much of the future glory of the superstructure depends on your wisdom and Masonic virtues."

The success or failure of a Grand Master's term depends to a great extent upon the support given him, and I cannot close this report without a word of appreciation to those with whom I have been so closely associated during the year, the Grand Lodge Officers, the members of the Grand Lodge Committees, my D.D.G.M.'s, the Constituent Lodges and members of the Craft have given me during my whole year a co-operation and support of such unanimity and cordial good-will as impel my lasting gratitude. The memory of their affectionate regard, their fraternal goodwill, and sympathetic consideration will ever remain with me as a hallowed benediction.

I'd like to think when life is done
  That I had filled a needed post.
That here and there I'd paid my fare
  With more than idle talk and boast.

That I had taken gifts divine.
  The breath of life and manhood fine
And tried to use them now and then
  In service to my fellow men.

I'd hate to think when life is through
  That I had lived my round of years,
A useless kind that leaves behind
  No record in this vale of tears.

That I had wasted all my days.
  In teaching only selfish ways,
And that the world would be the same,
  If it had never known my name.

I'd like to think that here and there,
  When I am gone there shall remain
A happier spot that might have not
  Existed, had I lived for gain.

That some one's cheery voice and smile
  Shall prove that I have been worth while,
That I have paid with something fine,
  My debt to God for life divine.

VISITATIONS OF THE GRAND MASTER

1944.

June 10th-17th.—Iowa Grand Lodge Centenary Celebration.

June 19th-21st.—North Dakota Annual Communication.

July 26th.—East Star Lodge, Gretna. (Fiftieth Anniversary and Dedication of Lodge Room).

July 28th.—Meeting of Third Masonic District at Holland.

August 10th.—Meeting of Fourth Masonic District at Crystal City.

August 17th.—Meeting of Ninth Masonic District at Roblin.
August 29th.—Official Visit to Flin Flon Lodge.
August 30th.—Official Visit to The Pas Lodge.
September 7th-11th.—Grand Masters' Conference at Banff.
September 19th.—Official Visit to Lisgar Lodge, Selkirk.
September 22nd.—Meeting of the Tenth Masonic District at Pine Falls.
September 29th.—Meeting of the Eighth Masonic District at Sperling.
October 3rd.—Official Visit to "The Assiniboine" Lodge. (Canadian Night.)
October 9th.—Visit to Sturgeon Creek Lodge.
October 27th.—Official Visit to Ophir Lodge, Beausejour. (Burning of Mortgage).
October 31st.—Address to Forum of Past Masters' Association.
November 2nd.—Meeting of the Sixth Masonic District, Napinka.
November 3rd.—Meeting of the Second Masonic District, McCreary.
November 6th.—Meeting of Masters of First Masonic District.
November 13th.—Ionic Lodge. Remembrance Service.
November 14.—"The Assiniboine" Lodge Study Club.
November 17th.—Conference of the D.D.G.Ms. of the Eleven Districts.
November 27th.—Ionic Lodge Annual "At Home."
November 30th.—Meeting of the First Masonic District, Winnipeg.
December 1st.—Official Visit to Transcona Lodge.
December 5th.— Visit to The Dormer Lodge.
December 27th.—Annual Meeting of the Past Masters' Association.

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January 3rd.—Visit to St. John's Lodge.
January 8th.—Official Visit to Sturgeon Creek Lodge. (Twenty-first Anniversary).

January 9th.—"The Assiniboine" Study Club.
January 23rd.—Forum of Past Masters' Association.
January 29th.—Meeting of the Twelfth Masonic District, Winnipeg.
February 8th.—Visit to Norwood Lodge. (Presentation of Fifty-year Medal to D. Gilmour).
February 12th.—Official Visit to Windsor Lodge.
February 14th.—Visit to Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons.
February 19th.—Official Visit to Ancient Landmark Lodge.
February 27th.—Meeting of Past Masters' Association.
March 6th.—Official Visit to The Dormer Lodge.
March 12th.—Official Visit to Empire Lodge.
March 15th.—Official Visit to Northern Light Lodge.
March 16th.—Official Visit to Fidelity Lodge. (Twenty-first Anniversary).
March 21st.—Visit to King Edward Lodge.
March 26th.—Quarterly Meeting, Past Masters' Association.
March 28th.—Official Visit to Acacia Lodge.
April 3rd.—Official Visit to Fort Osborne Lodge.
April 4th.—Official Visit to St. John's Lodge.
April 11th.—Official Visit to St. James Lodge.
April 17th.—Official Visit to Prince Rupert's Lodge.
April 19th.—Official Visit to Meridian Lodge.
April 22nd.—Church Service Twelfth Masonic District.
April 26th.—Official Visit to Mount Sinai Lodge.
April 27th.—Twelfth Masonic District Annual Dinner.
April 30th.—Past Masters' Association, Lodge of Instruction.
May 4th—Official Visit to Transcona Lodge.
May 7th.—Official Visit to Ionic Lodge.
May 8th.—Regional Meeting, King Solomon Lodge, Morris.
May 11th.—Official Visit to Tuscan Lodge.
May 22nd.—Visit to Lisgar Lodge, Selkirk.
May 23rd.—Official Visit to Stonewall Lodge.
May 24th.—Regional Meeting at Neepawa Lodge.

May 25th.—Regional Meeting at Glenwood Lodge, Souris.
May 27th.—Church Service, First Masonic District.
June 3rd.—Service of Thanksgiving, Grand Lodge.
June 5th.—Visit to Grand Lodge, O.E.S.
June 5th.—Visit to "The Assiniboine" Lodge.

On motion of the Senior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (113), seconded by the Junior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138), the Address was referred to the Committee on Grand Master's Address.

GREETINGS FROM DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The Most Woshipful Grand Master asked the following guests to address the brethren at this time:

M.W. Bro. J. C. Carter, Grand Master of Saskatchewan.
R.W. Bro. R. A. Tate, Grand Secretary of Saskatchewan.
M.W. Bro. Wm. J. Ireland, Grand Master of Alberta.

These distinguished guests brought very kindly greetings from their respective Grand Lodges, to their Mother Grand Lodge.

The M.W. Grand Master expressed to our guest speakers his warm appreciation and sincere thanks for their kind and timely messages.

ADJOURNMENT

The Most Worshipful Grand Master called Grand Lodge from Labor to Refreshment at 9.50 p.m. until 10.30 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, June 7th, 1945.

Second Day

Thursday, June 7th, 1945.

Morning Session

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor at 10.30 a.m. by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. Samuel Burland, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Finance, begs to submit the following report:

Your Committee on Finance held regular monthly meetings to examine and approve the payment of all accounts billed through the Grand Secretary. The financial statement of Income and Expenditures for the year ending March 31, 1945, follows:

Income, Actual	$15,737.50
Budgeted	11,010.00
$4,727.50 more than anticipated.	
Expenditures, Actual	$11,179.89
Budgeted	12,500.00
$1,320.11 less than anticipated	

The net income of $4,557.61 for the year may be accounted for in part to the increased grant last year in the per capita tax to Grand Lodge, from $1.00 to $1.50 per annum. The Committee strongly recommends that the increase in per capita tax be made permanent to enable the various committees to extend their activities.

The Committee on Research and Education is planning to put into realization a few of the plans that have been in the formative stage for some time, such as regional meetings which are to be supplementary to the usual District Meetings. There will also be distributed, free to all members, the publication "Masonry in Manitoba." There is also the Library Department of this Committee which has drafted plans to meet the demands of the Brethren, and for which additional funds will be required.

The Committee on Condition of Freemasonry will require additional funds to carry out its activities, such as conferences of District Deputy Grand Masters and visitations to Lodges throughout the jurisdiction by Grand Lodge Officers.

If the different Committees are to function as they plan, it is imperative that sufficient funds be made available. Therefore, in order that your Finance Committee may budget to meet all obligations, it is strongly recommended that the members of Grand Lodge support the amendment to the Constitution that will be presented to them in respect to the increase of per capita tax.

Your Committee wishes to commend the Grand Secretary for the close supervision he gives to all expenditures and the economical and efficient manner in which his office is conducted. The Committee also wishes to express to the Grand Secretary its appreciation for the assistance he gives to your Finance Committee at all times.

Your Committee has prepared and herewith submits for your consideration, a statement of approximate income and expenditures for the year ending March 31, 1946.

H. CODDINGTON,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1945-46

Income		
Dues	$14,000.00	
Initiations	1,200.00	
M.M. Certificates	900.00	
P.M. Certificates	70.00	
L.M. Certificates	60.00	
Dispensations	40.00	
Cash Sales, Supplies, etc.	300.00	
		$16,570.00

Expenditures

Salaries	$ 4,600.00	
Rent	800.00	
Postage and Stamp Tax	350.00	
Stationery and Office Supplies	360.00	
Supplies	350.00	
Regalia, G.M.	275.00	
Expense G.M.	800.00	
Life Member Certificates	50.00	
M.M. Certificates	50.00	
Committee on Condition of Freemasonry	500.00	
Committee on Research and Education	500.00	
Library Maintenance	1,950.00	
Jewel P.G.M.	60.00	
Unemployment Insurance	30.00	
Exchange	35.00	
Masonic Paper	1,200.00	
Telephones and Telegrams	125.00	
Travelling (and Banff Conference)	800.00	
Warning Circulars	40.00	
Miscellaneous	350.00	
Insurance	40.00	
Additional Grant to G.M. 1944-45	300.00	
War Services Committee	300.00	
Grand Lodge Proceedings	700.00	
Grand Lodge Communications	700.00	
Auditors	150.00	
Flowers and Christmas Cards	125.00	
		$15,540.00

Presented by R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1), who moved that the Report be received and adopted, seconded by W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe (93). Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

May 19th, 1945.
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through its Committee on Benevolence begs to report as follows:

At the beginning of our Masonic year, April, 1944, your Committee had 33 cases to which grants from our Benevolent Funds were being made.

During the year, death claimed four of these Beneficiaries and two new cases are now receiving a monthy grant. In addition, the Committee rendered assistance to two other worthy cases. The grants made during the year amounted to $5,634.37.

At the close of the year, March 31st, 1945, there were 31 cases to which a monthly payment was being made.

The Committee acknowledges with many thanks the response made to the Appeal of the Grand Master in December last. The Benevolent Fund has benefited, as at March 31st, 1945 to the extent of $1,519.99. The following Lodges made contributions to this appeal:

Emerson Lodge No. 6	$ 10.00
King Solomon Lodge No. 8	25.00
Stonewall Lodge No. 12	60.00
Morden Lodge No. 13	25.00
Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14	50.00
Brandon Lodge No. 19	8.00
Neepawa Lodge No. 24	50.00
Carberry Lodge No. 29	19.73
Manitou Lodge No. 30	20.00
Birtle Lodge No. 39	25.00
Lebanon Lodge No. 43	300.00
Glenboro Lodge No. 48	15.00
Oriental Lodge No. 54	25.00
Russell Lodge No. 62	20.22
Vermillion Lodge No. 68	49.04
Crystal Lodge No. 71	81.00
Hamiota Lodge No. 84	25.00
Miniota Lodge No. 102	100.00
Strathclair Lodge No. 106	102.00
Kilwinning Lodge No. 110	25.00
Ophir Lodge No. 112	10.00
Tweed Lodge No. 113 (Victory Bond)	100.00
Norwood Lodge No. 119	10.00
Penza Lodge No. 120	15.00
Roblin Lodge No. 122	25.00
Transcona Lodge No. 123	25.00
Patricia Lodge No. 125	25.00
Sprague Lodge No. 132	5.00
McCreary Lodge No. 133	15.00
Stony Mountain Lodge No. 134	15.00
Beaver Lodge No. 139	50.00
Meridian Lodge No. 140	50.00

Fidelity Lodge No. 146	25.00
Foxwarren Lodge No. 152	5.00
Bro. J. E. Creasley (Rivers No. 115)	10.00
V.W. Bro. N. Rotshtein (Mt. Sinai No. 143)	100.00
	$1,519.99

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. J. MAJOR,
Chairman.

Presented by M.W. Bro. W. J. Major (25), who moved it be received and adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. George Hunter (10). Carried.

SHELLMOUTH LODGE No. 129

In view of the inability of Shellmouth Lodge No. 129, Shellmouth, to carry out the functions and activities of a constituent Lodge, at their own request and with the full approval of the Board of General Purposes of this Grand Lodge:

Be it Resolved: That this Grand Lodge, in Annual Communication assembled, assent, as it does now assent to the surrender of the Charter of Shellmouth Lodge No. 129 on the Grand Register of Manitoba; authorizes the sale of the Lodge premises at such price and on such terms as the said Lodge may approve; that the name of Shellmouth Lodge No. 129 be deleted from the roster of this Grand Lodge; and that the Grand Secretary, in co-operation with R.W. Bro. W. D. Berwick, at present D.D.G.M. of the Fifth Masonic District, be authorized by this Grand Lodge to complete the liquidation of the said Shellmouth Lodge No. 129 at Shellmouth in accordance with the provisions of Section 196 of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

Moved by R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138), seconded by W. Bro. R. E. Emmett (121), that this resolution be received and adopted. Carried.

REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN

One of the pleasures of life is to stand at some window of remembrance and look down upon the years with their recollections of Golden Yesterdays and intimate associations.

Someone has said "we are the heirs of the past and ancestors of the future." It will serve my purpose if we think of "heirs" as belonging to yesterday and "ancestors" as bringing us into relationship with tomorrow. Bridging these periods we find ourselves heirs of the men who delivered to us a heritage—by the same token, we are the men, who in days to come, will be designated as ancestors by the brethren who will succeed us in our work.

Heirs as a general rule are not an appreciative group. What they inherit invariably has cost them little or nothing. Their ancestor or benefactor, on the other hand, spent himself, his hard labor, his initiative, his ability, finally bequeathing his possessions to those who had no part in the making. Little do they know of the actual experience, the long weary grind, the self-sacrifice, the bitter struggle, the sad disappointments and sometimes defeat, before success rewarded a devotion of heart and hand and mind in the accomplishment of a life's desire.

This lack of appreciation for the rich gifts of the past is not confined to the material things of life. We find ample evidence, sometimes with added emphasis, in the spheres of community enterprise and fraternal fellowship. Too little attention is paid to the spiritual gifts so bitterly fought for by our ancestors.

Our modern way of life gives abundant proof that scant respect is shown to the achievements of our forefathers. Do we ever take time to even give them a thought? Perhaps this condition might be explained by a want of realization that it was the idealism of men—men and Masons like you and me—and their willingness to fight for their ideals, that permits us of our generation to enjoy benefits such as the world of their day never knew.

Conditions that we consider stupid and inhumane were once accepted as necessary and inevitable; conditions which we consider essential to human happiness were once considered visionary and unpractical.

The superior conditions of modern life which we enjoy cost somebody a very great deal. Let me amplify this thought briefly.

The form of government under which we live did not come about without a struggle. A democracy in which there was to be an equality of opportunity was at one time considered an iridescent dream; wholly impossible of attainment. Our forefathers had to contend long and strive hard, both on the field of battle and in the legislative halls in order to give to their heirs of the tomorrow the freedom we so carelessly take for granted.

Free Education—now an accepted fact, almost universally—belonged to the realm of dreamland not many generations past. The open Bible on our Masonic Altars is a symbol of an open

Bible, not only in our Lodge rooms, but an open Bible everywhere. Do you realize as you open your Lodge that at one time the Great Light was not an opened Book? Yes, and lives were sacrificed, men and women were burned at the stake, tortured, because they advocated the opening of this one Book to all mankind.

Those great Masonic principles, the right to worship God according to the dictates of one's own conscience, the right of free speech, the freedom of the press, the right to public assembly, the right to hold property—were not born with the announcement of the Atlantic Charter. These things, in part only, are our inheritance to enjoy and they come to us from the Craftsmen of yesterday. At what cost were these priceless gifts purchased? They have cost you and me—nothing.

Then we have, as always, those who are dissatisfied with their inheritance and loudly proclaim that much remains to be done before the perfect social condition can be attained. No one can successfully dispute this claim. We should remember however, that our Craft makes claim to be a progressive science. This, in my judgment, is an acknowledgment that Freemasons openly admit the world has not yet attained perfection.

Someone has said that the difference between an optimist and a pessimist is that the pessimist looks at his glass and cries "My glass is half empty." While on the other hand the optmist looking at his glass says "My glass is half full." It is well we should recognize that we do have a glass and that is half full. The struggle for greater achievement will go on because man has not ceased to be a fighting animal. It is this struggle for progress that brings thousands of Masons in all parts of the world together in their Masonic Lodges.

In the realm of Freemasonry we are indeed heirs of a great heritage. This generation did not create the Masonic Craft. It has come down to us through the years in varying forms, along a road which at times has been rough. Our Masonic ancestors gave to this institution, devotion, loyalty and faith, attributes that has made the name of Masonry stand out as one of the benefactors of mankind. In the dim and misty past our pioneer leaders forged arrows of light on the anvil of Freemasonry—to us comes the challenge to produce the bows to send these silver arrows home.

The story of Freemasonry in Manitoba is a facinating one. Ours was the first fraternal organization to come to the Red River Country. Before a church of any denomination was built in the area which comprised the original limits of the City of Winnipeg the banner of the Craft had been unfurled. The original Lodge—Northern Light Lodge—received its dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. The charter members, numbering nine in all, held the first Lodge Meeting in Western Canada, on November 9th, 1864, of the nine subscribers to the petition one was absent. From the date I have mentioned until the dispensation lapsed, we read in the original minute book the story of 18 initiations between 8th November, 1864, and 5th March, 1866, a period of 16 months. I would suggest this would be all the available material in the frontier settlement at the time. Remember there was no City of Winnipeg and no residential lots had at that time been subdivided by enterprising Real Estate promoters.

In connection with the nine stalwarts who organized the original Lodge, three of the number had been initiated before they took up residence in the locality—John Schultz, Charles Curtis and Matthew Connor. The other six had a unique experience. Sometime, in the month of March, 1864, in company of Brother John Schultz, they travelled to Pembina, Dakota Territory, where a Military Lodge, also working under dispensation met during the time the District was under Military control because of the Indian uprising there.

When these men travelled from the Red River Settlement to Pembina in the closing winter months of 1864, there would be only one means of conveyance; it was neither railway train nor modern automobile. You are too well acquainted with highway conditions in the month of March to be optimistic in regard to an open air journey along a primitive river trail. I imagine you will agree with me they made the trip by old fashioned sleighs. Seventy miles going—the same distance on their return. Surely a memorable event in the history of Masonry in Manitoba. There is yet another circumstance connected with this visit which should be recalled. I fancy our Constitutional hard shells would frown upon a repetition in this enlightened day. They went to be initiated and returned home fully pledged Master Masons. Quick work, but remember the circumstances—the isolation of Fort Garry in 1864—the fact that the nearest Chartered Lodge was in Minneapolis, with 500 miles of dangerous country in between and no means of regular transport available to the traveller.

The stirring events in the Red River Valley in 1869 resulting from the negotiations for the purchase of the country and the creation of Manitoba as a province of the Dominion of Canada is a long story—too long for any part to be reviewed tonight. These events affected the local Lodge to the extent that meetings were discontinued and subsequently the dispensation cancelled by Minnesota.

Let me before leaving our pioneer Lodge, pay tribute to the men who organized the Lodge—the three moving spirits behind the activity—The First Master, John Schultz, was subsequently chosen to sit in the Senate of the Dominion in 1883. Five years later he was appointed Lieutenant Governor of the Province and was knighted by Her Majesty Queen Victoria, in 1895. He was a great Canadian.

Andrew Bannatyne occupied nearly every public office in the Old Council of Assiniboia, the only form of government in the country at the time Manitoba was created. He was the moving spirit in the organization of the Winnipeg General Hospital and donated the site on which the Hospital stands. He was reputed to be the wealthiest man in the Red River and the old Lodge held all the meetings in the upper room over his business establishment.

Wm. Caldwell, the first Masonic Secretary, established the first newspaper—"Nor-Wester"—in Western Canada.

These are but brief, very inadequate, thumbnail sketches of the men who brought the Masonic Lodge into a "Great Lone Land."

We have already remarked that Northern Light Lodge had its roots in the Military Lodge at Pembina, Dakota, and carried on from 1864 to 1869.

On 21st May, 1870, a Military expedition set out from Collingwood, Ontario, under Colonel Wolseley. The strength of the contingent was 1,431 all told. Manitoba was in the hands of rebels and in order to establish the Province as a component part of the Dominion this military establishment was dispatched. They disembarked at Point Douglas on the morning of 24th August, 1870.

In this group of soldiers were several Masons and so, after peace had been re-established at the Forks we learn that nine Brother Masons who intended to remain in the country applied for and obtained from the Grand Lodge of Canada a dispensation to open a Lodge. Here we discover all nine of the Charter Members were connected with the Military expedition. This was the beginning of Prince Rupert's Lodge.

The first meeting of the new Lodge was held in the Drever House which stood near the corner of Main street and Portage avenue. The date of opening was 10th December, 1870, and six of the nine Charter Members were in attendance. The original name of the Lodge was "Winnipeg" but in January, 1871, it was changed to Prince Rupert's Lodge and under this name it has been designated through the years.

Within four weeks from the inaugural meeting of Prince Rupert's Lodge (January 4th, 1871) a second dispensation was issued by the Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario). In this case the place of meeting was Lower Fort Garry and the name of the Lodge "Manitoban." Here again we find a desire on the part of the members to change the name of their Lodge and from 6th November, 1871, this Lodge, subsequently moved to Selkirk, has been recognized as Lisgar Lodge.

Perhaps it will interest some of you to get a brief glimpse of an interesting incident that happened in Lisgar Lodge in 1880. It appears that from the inception of the Lodge in 1871 up to 1883 the business of the Lodge was conducted in the E. A. Degree. From the minute book of the Lodge we learn that in April, 1880, a communication from Grand Lodge instructed all Lodges, henceforth, to transact Lodge business in the M. M. Degree. Lisgar Lodge continued, as they had always, in the E. A. Degree. However, at the meeting held 7th June, 1880, the Grand Master was announced as waiting to be admitted but refused to enter until the Lodge was raised to the M. M. Degree. The command was dutifully obeyed but for that one meeting only and despite the action of the Grand Master they continued merrily on their way for three more years before they finally complied with the order and conducted business in the M. M. Degree.

Incidentally the three Lodges in Manitoba, instituted under the Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario), transacted their business in the E. A. Degree for ten years after they were opened.

Early in 1872 a movement to establish a second Lodge in Winnipeg (this was not adopted as the name of our City until 1873). The request for sponsorship at the hands of Prince Rupert's Lodge did not meet with favor and there was a strong disinclination to share the privileges of Lodge life with another Lodge. Like all other teakettle storms, this one found a solution and in June, 1872, it was resolved to sponsor Ancient Landmark Lodge.

The inaugural meeting of Ancient Landmark Lodge was held on 9th December, 1872. While this Lodge adopted the American Rite yet it commenced with the Canadian Rite and carried on with it until 1875, changing when the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was organized.

It is of interest to record that the first two brothers initiated in Ancient Landmark Lodge in course of time occupied the exalted position of Premier of the Province of Manitoba.

The three Lodges I have mentioned comprised the Masonic Craft in Manitoba until the year 1875 in which year our Grand

Lodge came into existence. At the time Grand Lodge was formed the combined membership of these Lodges was approximately 200. It was a tremendous undertaking for such a small number and one can visualize the responsibility when we consider they assumed sovereign power (Masonically) over Manitoba, The North West Territories (now Saskatchewan and Alberta) and the far off Yukon.

Grand Lodge was organized on 12th May, 1875, and our first Grand Master was Rev. Dr. W. C. Clarke. There is not a great deal we can say regarding this important event in our history. The official record is very bare. Beyond recording the names of the elected officers and some incidental motions, little color can be added in this address. Coincident with the formation of Grand Lodge one is justified in believing that our old friend J. W. Harris was busily engaged organizing St. John's Lodge because this lusty infant came forth as a new Lodge on 7th July, 1875. Modesty compels me to refrain from saying more about this Lodge.

Throughout our long history the most unfortunate event occurred in 1878, three years after Grand Lodge was organized. The cause of the disagreement centred around the subject of "Ritual." There are, and has been, two distinct "works" in constant use in Manitoba ever since the first Lodge was opened. One of these was used from 1864 to 1869, the other from 1870 to 1875. With the creation of Grand Lodge both "works" were recognized and used.

The unfortunate controversy was happily ended and harmony restored in 1879, but for twelve months there were two Grand Lodges in Manitoba and as you can readily understand the true spirit of Freemasonry was conspicuous by its absence during that period.

It would not serve any useful purpose to rehash the pros and cons of the subject on this occasion. The matter is dealt with very fully in "Freemasonry in Manitoba" and those who are curious or should I say interested in this subject can find the details in the book I mention. My only comment therefore is to quote the closing paragraph of the Chapter dealing with the schism—"The peaceful and harmonious relationships existing in Manitoba for many years are worth maintaining—let us therefore be careful lest we break the golden thread of brotherhood."

Reference has already been made to the extensive territory under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba in the early years of its existence. I am sure you will be interested in a brief review of the activity across the wide expanse of the Western Prairie country. Between 1882 and 1886, a time of rapid settlement, new Lodges were opened in several distant places on the fringe of civilization. The first of these new Lodges was Saskatchewan No. 17, at Edmonton, instituted in 1882, followed shortly thereafter by Kinistino Lodge at Prince Albert who transferred its allegiance from the Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario).

In 1883, new Lodges opened at Regina and Moose Jaw. In 1884, Bow River Lodge at Calgary and in 1885 we issued a dispensation to Medicine Hat. Lodge to meet in Medicine Hat. The following year (1886) six more received dispensations and Lodges were opened at Fort Qu'Appelle; Indian Head; Qu'Appelle; Moosomin; Fort McLeod and North Battleford. Reference should also be made to Pequonga Lodge at Rat Portage (Kenora) in 1882.

Then casting their eyes far afield our pioneer brethren, with doubtful authority, in 1881, issued a charter to "Al Moghreb al Aska Lodge, No. 16," at Gibraltar, with permission to "remove to some city in Morocco." This Lodge was subsequently domiciled in Tangier and our action was challenged by both the Grand Lodge of England and Grand Lodge of Scotland. Here again I must refer you to our history book for the details of this interesting event.

In the early days of Manitoba our Grand Lodge was frequently called upon to lay the corner stone at the erection of many public and semi-public buildings. The first ceremony of this nature in Manitoba took place in 1875, about three months after the formation of our Grand Lodge. The occasion was the dedication at the City Hall in Winnipeg. A similar ceremony took place in 1880 when the first Louise Bridge was erected.

Our records tell the stories of corner stone ceremonies in Morris, Portage la Prairie, Morden, Maple Creek, and many other towns and cities which subsequently developed into important centres in the commercial and social life of Western Canada.

I would be guilty of negligence and liable to well merited censure if I did not make reference to the Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge.

We had been operating as a Grand Lodge for 40 years before any real effort was made to establish a substantial fund for benevolent purposes. In the year 1916, there had been accumulated as potential reserve for benevolence approximately $38,000.00. This might seem a large sum but not so in relation to the undertaking of a large responsibility.

In 1917, the late Brother P. E. Kellett, after his election as Grand Master set in motion an appeal for free will contributions from individual members of all the Lodges in Manitoba. The objective was $62,000.00, the idea being to organize a Fund with a minimum of $100,000.00. Well, the campaign brought contributions amounting to $78,000.00 and forthwith our Benevolent Committee was formed with $115,000.00 in the Capital of the new Fund. There have been subsequent appeals for the same purpose and an examination of our financial statement will disclose the continued generosity of the members of our constituent Lodges in Manitoba.

I cannot begin to tell you in detail the extent of the assistance, we—you and your fellow members have been able to send those who were "in a poor and penniless situation" and as brothers or widows and orphans of brothers came to us for help, aid and assistance.

Let us never forget, brethren, we are Masonic ancestors because the Masonic Lodge and Freemasonry will be here in the tomorrow of the future.

What kind of Lodge—What kind of a Grand Lodge will we therefore transmit to the generations who will follow us? Shall we deliver a burning or an extinguished torch?

Eighty years ago last November, eight of our ancestors had faith as well as vision in the power of Freemasonry. This small group brought the Craft into a great lone land and kindled the lamp of brotherhood on a chilly winter night. The light still burns brightly in scores of towns and cities from Winnipeg to the Yukon.

Eleven years later, in 1875, a slightly larger number consecrated their efforts in the organization of a Grand Lodge—your Grand Lodge. At times the light has flickered but never came the challenge to greater effort that was not accepted promptly.

Have you ever contemplated the physical conditions and handicaps under which our pioneer was obliged to face when the Lodge was in session and the degrees conferred on candidates? The primitive frame or log buildings; the rough home-made furniture, the candlelight, the coal oil lamp, the heater in the corner, no graded highways, no street lights, no sidewalks.

Electric light did not illuminate Winnipeg until 25 years after the first Lodge was instituted. Confederation, the creation of Manitoba, the incorporation of Winnipeg, the organization of a public school system, the founding of the General Hospital, and a score of other community enterprises, all considered so necessary in our modern way of life, did not materialize until long after the Light of Masonry came to Red River. It was our ancestors who left to us—their heirs—this legacy.

We want to occasionally think back further and further; not only recalling our own personal experiences but the experiences of the men who were our Masonic ancestors. By doing this we will re-discover the extraordinary promise and freshness and experience of the by-gone years.

Thinking back will freshen us up, enable us to find perspective; sharpen our imagination. Not that we want to escape the present but we want, sometimes, to stand away from it in order to see it more clearly.

In front of us there is a more difficult journey than the one our fathers took. It is by rediscovering what our fathers did and recapturing the spirit which directed their steps that we will be strengthened for our future task.

We the men of today, bridge yesterday with tomorrow. It is not enough that we accept our legacy from the past and have no regard for the legacy we should bequeath to the Masons of tomorrow.

Canada—and that means you men of Canada—will soon have a multitude of great problems to solve and because this is so, the resurgence of the audicious pioneer spirit, which made this country great is important. If it takes hold of the country as it did in days gone by, then we'll have an important date to keep with destiny.

WILLIAM DOUGLAS.

GRAND CHAPLAIN'S ADDRESS

To The Most Worshipful The Grand Master, Officers and Members Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

At the close of the last Annual Communication I had an enforced holiday of several weeks. Finding myself in a city where there were excellent library facilities I decided to embark on a study of Masonic Origins. The problem was where to begin. One or two historians intimated that Masonic history began at least 600,000 years ago. I knew there and then that if I were to begin at the beginning I could not get back to civilization in time to report to this annual communication, so I joined the procession at the building of King Solomon's Temple, which was as far as my cable tow could be expected to reach in the course of a year.

Historians are not all agreed as to when, and where, and how Free Masonry originated. Some trace its origin far back in the dim twilight of earth's early morning where history becomes lost in tradition. Others find it or something like it in the pre-historic civilization of the Orient. Still others see its beginnings in the authentic story of the building of King Solomon's Temple.

But whatever may have been the origin or the purpose of our fraternity, matters but little at this moment. Whether in its primitive form it fulfilled the purpose of a trades union, or whether rising to a higher plane it taught the workman that the tools with which he wrought had a symbolic meaning, in the shaping of his own character, is, after all, a trivial thing in comparison to the question—What is Freemasonry today

The prehistoric age lies behind us never to return; the present alone is ours, and the future can be. The record which we make today will become history tomorrow. It is our duty as members of the craft so to live and act that we shall raise for ourselves an imperishable monument of virtue and morality, and when this throbbing, vital present shall have itself become the dead and distant past, the student of Masonry, standing as I do now, and addressing the generations yet unborn, shall find in us an example worthy of imitation and derive a fresh inspiration from the faded but not forgotten glories of an historic past.

We shall leave the question of Masonic origins to the more gifted Historians and try to find inspiration for today and tomorrow from the universally accepted story of the building of King Solomon's Temple.

TOPIC "THE FOREST AND THE QUARRY"

Like many another man before and since King David had his dreams—dreams of things that were to him unattainable. One such was the building of a temple which he wished to build to the glory of Jehovah. He was, however, told that he could gather the material, out of which his son Solomon should build.

Nobly did Solomon carry out the purpose of his royal father, for as soon as the reins of the kingdom were firmly in hand Solomon made the contract for timber and workmen with his neighbour King Hiram of Tyre.

The material for the temple was gathered at home and abroad before the actual work of construction began. The stones were fitted for their places and the beams shaped and numbered for their particular use, so that "neither axe nor hammer, nor any tool of iron was heard in the house while it was building."

For seven years this work of preparation and construction went on until in the eleventh year of King Solomon's reign the marvel was completed and the building ready for its dedication.

The picture is one of great significance — the scenes of energy and restlessness, with the solemn and steadfast purpose running through them all.

The forest of Lebanon, where the hewers of wood were engaged upon their task must have presented scenes of great noise and confusion.

The quiet where the cool shadows of the trees fell, was broken with a harsh sound, the devastating blows of many axes. But Lebanon must be put alongside Mount Moriah, where the temple was to stand; the confusion in Lebanon, the noiseless construction on the Temple platform.

At Jerusalem, near the Damascus gate there is a little door in a side hill, the entrance to the so-called quarries of Solomon. Here Solomon's workmen quarried the stones for the Temple. No sound of any tool of iron was heard in the erection of the Temple on the platform above. Far from all the life of the city these stone cutters of ancient days could do their work where no ears but their own could hear. So the Architect's plan could proceed without noise or tumult.

The forests of Lebanon, in our day, have multiplied a thousand fold. They are to be found on the far flung battle line of our Empire, as well as in the more secluded areas of our social and national life.

Amid the noise and tumult of battle our brave youth are hewing out the timbers and fashioning the materials for the temple that is to be.

The faith, courage and heroism displayed in the past six years, inspires us with hope that when the din of battle has ceased the Great Architect's plan for humanity can proceed without noise and tumult.

Shakespeare compares life to a stage in which every man must play a part. The actors appearing upon the scene at a time when they can make a contribution to the unfolding drama. Surely, for such an hour as this Freemasonry was born and every true Mason has a part to play in the forest and the quarry.

History reveals that after each European war Freemasonry has taken a tremendous leap forward. There is reason to hope that the present war will be no exception. The coming days call for earnest, faithful labour. The quarries of life must resound to the stroke of the gavel and the trowel.

The rough Ashlar with which speculative Masonry deals is human nature with its infinite capabilities, passions, conflicting tendencies, and undying hopes. To adjust this stone, laden with possibilities, and irridescent with the fires of Immortality, yet housed in a material body, is the work of our craft.

Let no untempered mortar mar the beauty of your work or unskilled hands confuse the design upon your tressel board. Remember that though in the forest and quarries the sounds of preparation were heard, at the "Temple" no noise disturbed the harmonious adjusting of the blocks into their proper place in the Temple.

In the story of the building of King Solomon's Temple there is a suggestion of those solemn, constructive forces, which are building ever in the seen and unseen world. Stand in the forest when the whole landscape is covered with a mantle of snow. The cold piercing north wind seems to imply that death reigns supreme. But beneath that mantle life is gathering strength for the coming of spring, and soon the flowers and shrubs will silently tunnel their way through to light, and air, and God. Look up into the heavens at night, where the planets move in their swift orbits, "There is no speech nor language, their voice is not heard." So the kingdom of God comes not with observation in the souls of men, or in the life of the world.

Ministering agencies, to be sure, are all about us; the Volume of the Sacred Law, the place of prayer, the door of benevolence; but the building stones of faith, hope and love, like the stones of the Temple, are laid in silence within the soul, and within the structure of society.

So the building of life goes silently on, with materials which have been shaped in our daily tasks and in our commonplace surroundings.

For every man is a builder not only in that invisible structure which is rising in every land, and in every city, but in the inner temple of the soul, holy or unholy, according as a man hath built on the foundation—gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, stubble. Out of the same quarry a man may build a temple or a prison, a palace or a hovel.

It is said of Sir Christopher Wren, the Architect of St. Paul's Cathedral, that he gave instant dismissal to any man who took the name of God in vain as he wrought in the sanctuary.

It is serious business, this business of building a personality, this business of doing our part in the coming of God's Kingdom in the world of mankind.

It is well that we reverently acknowledge the Divine presence and seek the Divine guidance, both as we do our forest and quarry work of preparation, and as we build ourselves with the product of our toil into the life of the world.

There are formative years when the mind is most plastic. Youth is the golden age of memory. How true is the saying, "What we put into the first of life we put into all of it." That is why we are exhorted to "remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth." This is the time in the forest of Lebanon, this is the time in the quarries beneath the city.

As we grow to maturity we gain experience and knowledge. Our views broaden in some ways, and narrow in other ways. But when we come to analyze ourselves, we discover that the large and permanent part of our mental and moral furnishings we assimilated in youth and never lost.

And what is true of memory is true of the moral consciousness; what falls there then stays there however overlaid it may become in the years to come.

Your geologist goes down into the strata of the earth and tells you that this hard layer of rock was once soft and plastic. There in the stone is the print of a leaf, which fell softly and silently in some autumn day before history began and it is as fresh in the print as if it fell in the winds of yesterday.

It is an allegory of the plastic time of human life, sensitive, receptive, seizing all that it can reach, and keeping it in an imperishable part of itself.

No one of us can thoroughly examine himself and not recognize the truth of what I am saying. The house of our lives is in process of building. We have had something to do with making ourselves what we are.

Other people had much to do with making us what we are.

There is the Ancestral quarry, the human stuff out of which every child gets his early materials for building.

The child brings with him a store of inheritance. Like Solomon, he deals with materials left by others. The child has in every cell of his body, in every throb of his nerves, the memorial of a human past. No one would venture to deny that the Ancestral quarry counts for much.

And there is the quarry which we call Environment. The child builds from the world outside of himself the structure of his inner mind and soul. Up to the age of five or six years his world is the home. The attitude of his parents, brothers and sisters, to one another, in the home, will be the attitude which he carries into the larger world of society.

And then there is the quarry of the school, college, and workman's bench—all have to do with the shaping of the material which has quietly and inevitably gone into the personality of us all.

We can hardly fail to remember the heritage which is ours from those who have gone before us.

Some of us can testify of our own knowledge, that much of the timber and stone of life's building was shaped and fashioned in the thought and toil of those whose life work will find its meaning in what we are and what we do.

Three suggestions I leave with you:

(1) King Solomon put his best into his work. Nothing was spared — labor, nor time, nor money. The earth was ransacked that the Temple might be as fair as fair could be. Did the cedar trees wave tall and stately in the woods of Lebanon? Then make an alliance with King Hiram of Tyre. Get the best timber and the most skilful workmen, for the material is sought for the house of the Lord. Was Hiram, the widow's son, the most noted of all craftsmen in works of brass Then let the widow's son be brought from Tyre, for this work is for the house of the Lord. Nothing is too good for Him.

This is the spirit of all true work, of all true life.

You recall the story of the ancient workman whose heart was in the work, and they found that away up under the roof and in the gables he was laboring with as great care as in the vestibule below.

When someone asked him why he took such pains, when there was no one to see, he replied that there was God to see.

There is sure satisfaction and deep peace which only that man can know who puts his best into his work.

The work goes on in silence, but not without effort. The stillness of the process does not mean that it is wrought easily or without pain. To put the bridle on clamorous passions, to take the uphill road, to face serious and staggering problems, to be defeated and yet struggle on, to fall and rise again, to take up your cross until God's work is done, that is the only way. Not always over flowery meadows, but often over the flinty highway, we must move on to the kingdom of the soul.

And once more remember that Solomon added beauty to strength "Upon the top of the pillars was lily work." Strength and beauty both were there. You remember how God was always telling Israel, "Be strong and of good courage." But be sure to strength add beauty.

Be able to do graciously a gracious deed. Give courtesy back to courtesy. Yes, and give courtesy back to discourtesy, too. Have something of gentleness mingling with the rock, some find consideration for others, some sympathy for the unfortunate, and some pity for the one who has sorely erred.

God has wedded beauty to strength. It is written plain upon His universe. We see it in the oak. Strong it is, but the painter despairs as he tries to reproduce its beauty. Beautiful it is, but it repels the beat of the storm, and stands upright in sturdy strength.

What lies ahead of us as men and Masons is the opportunity to take part in one of the great moments of history. This war has taught us what our ancestors did not know, that an ordered society is not ordained for us but has laboriously to be constructed, out of blood, sweat and tears.

Walter Lippman wrote as early as 1933, "We are living in a great age, and we are put to the test whether we can be worthy of it. If we can, we shall leave to the citizens of tomorrow an example of fortitude and the memory of great deeds."

The following words of an 18th century poet are applicable to our day:

> "God give us men! A time like this demands
> Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands;
> Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
> Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
> Men who possess opinions and a will;
> Men who have honor; men who will not lie;
> Men who can stand before a demagogue
> And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking;
> Tall men, sun-crowned, who lived above the fog
> In public duty and in private thinking."

The work in the forest and the quarry is going on for us all and in us all. The walls of life's building are rising, it may be, perchance for some of us, far towards completion. But, meantime, the work still goes on, in the forest, in the quarry, where no eye but ours sees fully, save the eye of Him from whom nothing is hid.

There may we do our best and truest work, under His wise and loving guidance. There may we learn, if need be, to suffer and be strong, in the strength of those who worship not the god of appearances but of realities which shall endure throughout eternity.

HARRY B. WALLACE,
Grand Chaplain.

The M.W. the Grand Master thanked R.W. Bro. H. B. Wallace for his fine address, to which the brethren heartily responded.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

A year has passed since last we met under these same auspices, to honor the passing from this life to the next of many of our esteemed brethren. It is quite fitting that we should pause in our deliberations to take cognizance of their passing.

In a society so widely patronized as Freemasonry, whose membership in this province alone numbers more than ten thousand, it follows that a large company of our brethren has been elevated during the intervening year to the Grand Lodge above.

God has decreed and it is a law of the universe that every atom is in a continual state of progression. Consequently every form of life upon this earth obeys that divine law, and man progresses physically from his entry into this material world to his exit from it.

We are not much concerned with this material progression but rather with the spiritual development which parallels it. With the first breath of life God breathed into each human form a living soul of infinite age and experience, to be its tenant for the short journey from the cradle to the grave. The soul through its physical vehicle makes contact with other souls and by continual association with them itself grows and adds to its store of experience. When the time comes that each soul has progressed as far as the limitations of its earthly temple permits, it leaves its material body and re-enters the spiritual world whence it came, there to carry on its divine mission. Hence our Masonic ritual rightly terms this physical life as a "transitory life."

If we be true Masons we believe in the existence of God as the supreme head of the universe, and also in the immortality of the soul. Our earthly pilgrimage is only a phase of our eternal existence. During this brief earthly sojourn we come to know many of our fellow spirits with whom we come in contact from day to day and year to year. We come to admire them as we learn to appraise their noble qualities of spirit. We come to love them for their benevolence and deeds of kindness. In fact we sometimes forget and come to feel a definite attachment for the person of a friend or brother rather than his soul which is the permanent reality. Hence we grieve over the remains of a brother who has left us and returned to his spiritual state. True, we miss the kindly look, the warm and friendly handclasp, the word of encouragement which often means so much. If we really believe in immortality death becomes a mere transition from one state of existence to another.

Therefore, the transition of a brother should be an occasion of rejoicing and of sympathy, only to the loved ones left behind.

Today as we take cognizance of the passing of a host of our brethren both in our own and sister jurisdictions, let us recall the many deeds of love and sacrifice which they performed while in the flesh. Let us recall particularly the thousands of young men who went forth to fight for the principles which Masonry had taught them. They gave their all that we might live in freedom and security. Let us thank God for the privilege of having known them for a brief while. Let us thank God for their sacrifice on our behalf. God has given them their reward the sooner in proportion to the value of their service to their fellowmen. Let us express and convey our sympathy to their loved onces left behind. Let us not mourn their passing but rejoice that they have been translated to that spiritual state whence they may still be our spirit guides and guardians.

"They are not dead but live eternally
Beyond the borders of material sense.
The life each lived, the lessons learned
While earth-bound in their vehicles of clay
Was but apprenticeship to the greater life
Of service throughout God's eternal day."

DAVID GRIFFITH,
On behalf of the Committee on Fraternal Dead.

GREETINGS FROM DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Samuel Burland, called on the following distinguished visitors to address Grand Lodge:

M.W. Bro. W. F. Holman, Grand Master of Minnesota.

M.W. Bro. H. W. Swenson, Grand Master of North Dakota.

The Grand Master thanked the two speakers for their kindly greetings and messages of goodwill from their Grand Lodges.

The Grand Master then introduced W. Bro. Dr. Frank L. Eversull of Fargo, North Dakota, who is to be the guest speaker at our Grand Lodge Luncheon.

ADJOURNMENT

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment at 12.10 Noon, to attend the Grand Lodge Luncheon at 12.30 Noon.

Grand Lodge to re-convene at 2.30 p.m.

GRAND LODGE LUNCHEON

Luncheon was served to our Distinguished Guests and members of Grand Lodge, at the Royal Alexandra Hotel, at 12.30 noon, June 7th, by the Freemasons of the First and Twelfth Masonic Districts, under the auspices of the Winnipeg Past Masters' Association, W. Bro. Thos. L. Dodsworth, President and Chairman:

All joined in singing O Canada and The Star Spangled Banner.

Invocation given by R. W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, D.D.

PROGRAMME

Toast—"The King," the President of the U.S.A. The Chairman
Chairman's Remarks
Selection...Bro. Ernest Burrows
Toast—The M.W. the Grand Master of Manitoba The Chairman
Address..W. Bro. Dr. Frank L. Eversull

With a few well-chosen words, the Chairman, W. Bro. Thos. Dodsworth, introduced the speaker at the Luncheon, Dr. Frank L. Eversull:

ADDRESS BY DR. FRANK L. EVERSULL

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren and Friends:

I am very happy to be again in Winnipeg and enjoy the hospitality which I have found here before, and which I find has grown and matured during my absence. I can say very truthfully to you that I do not know of any other place I have visited where I have been more warmly received and more cordially cared for than here in your City. Nothing gives me greater pleasure than to come back again to Grand Lodge in Canada.

The subject I am going to talk to you about is one that appeals to me now more than any other that I know of, and that is the problem of post war conditions in the United States and Canada. I say that, because we out at the Agricultural College have already sent over 2,000 of our own people to aid in this colossal conflict. These young men and women, many of whom are graduates, have taken places of leadership and distinction in all the areas of conflict. Many of them are coming back from day to day, telling me of the things that have happened in the past and what they are thinking about the future. As they have sat in the office and spun their yarns and told their stories, my heart has been heavy on many occasions as I realized how inadequately we are prepared to take care of our young people and how little we know of the dangerous days that lie immediately ahead. It is true, we, have all our post war plans and we have all our fine theories about what to do when this war is over, yet one can only see the practical part of the thing when one sits side by side with those who have gone through it and listens to those perplexing questions to which neither we nor anyone else have found the true answers. I have talked long with people from the Agricultural College, from municipalities, from the Federal Government and from other organizations, who also have their problems to meet and solutions to find, I would like to pick out four of them to speak to you about today.

My real purpose this afternoon was to take my hair down—I have still some to take down,—but looking over this audience I find most of you have taken it down so far that there is nothing left, I am wondering exactly how to meet the situation. I want, first of all, to talk to you, saying those things for which I am alone responsible and which represent my own opinions, these things in no way reflect the opinions of the great masses in North Dakota and other jurisdictions. For these I want to take full responsibility.

POST WAR RESPONSIBILITY TO VETERANS

I want to take, first of all, the problems of post war Masonic responsibilities. During the past five years a great many of our young people on both sides of the border have entered a Masonic Lodge. You and I know well the reasons. Some of them felt that in a short time they were going to be inducted in the forces of one or another of the countries and before they went they wanted to follow out the tradition of the family. In that family tradition there loomed up very largely the matter of joining the Masonic Fraternity. Many of you have had the rather beautiful experience of having your son say to you, "Dad, before I go away I ought to join the Lodge." Then we got the petition, had it properly signed and voted upon. We watched with feverish anxiety, the progress from the first to the second and third degrees and realized that he was going over the same road that we, ourselves, had travelled.

Some of these young men have heard it said that practically all the officers of the armed forces were Masons and unless they joined they would not get the preference that others got and would not be entitled to the same security which they otherwise would obtain. They hastened through went to the induction centres and showed their cards. They expected they would be entitled to something which would be in the nature of preference, or something a little safer than the ordinary.

Then there were others who had heard of the influence of the Lodge; they had heard of things which had been done, and in order to be in with the group they, too, sought admittance and were ultimately initiated.

Then you find some, who because of the reputation of Freemasonry, decided they would cast their lot with the group and they, also, sought admission.

Now these groups that I have mentioned have all gone through, they have received instruction as quickly as it could be given. A good many of them were forced to receive degrees at distant Lodges under other jurisdictions. They went ahead with their work and had the opportunity to do things that ordinarily are kept away from those who are uninitiated and do not belong to the Masonic Brotherhood. Those who were gathered in the Armed Forces were able to fraternize between nation and nation, between race and race. In Masonry they found the common bond of heritage, the one bond of recognition, the one cause of friendship, the one basis of common understanding which enabled them to do things and go places ordinarily denied to other people.

A great many of our young people who have gone through our Lodges in unprecedented numbers during the last few years are going to come back in a very short time. It may be sooner than we now hope. They are going to look to us for something to do. They are coming back a diffierent group than went out. I can't help but think of how it affected a boy we had years ago and reared as our own son. In 1940 he graduated from college and started work in a bank in St. Louis at a salary of $105.00 a month. On the 5th of January, he called me up and said, ''Dad, I want to join the Armed Forces.'' There was nothing to say but, ''O.K. Go to it.'' On the 5th of February he went through to California, and on the 26th of September, 1941, he graduated as a Fighter Pilot. On the 18th of December, unconvoyed, he set off for Bataan, only to find when they reached Hong Kong that the Philippines had fallen. He went back to Australia, where he landed, and may I say to you members of the Dominion that this story of that association appeals to me as one of the most glorious stories of friendship and brotherly love that I have ever heard. One cannot say too much of your brothers who are down under. They have been the most splendid partners and loyal supporters of our boys. They have established a friendship which will last as long as life lasts.

He told me curious stories of British Intelligence in the European theatre. Whenever the British Intelligence said a railroad train would leave a station at eight o'clock in the morning, they mean eight o'clock. He is now Lieutenant-Colonel and is back after a year in the South Pacific, where he was shot down at Darwin, and after a year in England where he led at that time the largest group of fighter planes that ever went out under single command on the attack on Norway. Now I know that that boy in the last four or five years, has lived five, or ten, or twenty times longer than I have lived. He has had more experience than I could hope to crowd into half a century. Probably many of the boys who come back are going to come in under vocational training, but in mental rehabilitation and spiritual rehabilitation they are going to need more care and more sympathetic understanding than we are now prepared to give. They are going to look for help and leadership and are already asking what we are going to do about it. As yet we have nothing to offer, although the literature is filled with suggestions. There is hardly a current magazine that is not giving some practical suggestions of what we must do for the boys when they come back. I am hoping that as I go about meeting Masons in the United States and Canada that all of us, working together, can put aside some of these trifling things that trouble us so much and settle down to a programme of rehabilitation so that there will be no young returning Mason but will be taken care of by his Lodge; this cannot be done by a committee. A committee is the most deadly thing that exists in any organization. Human hearts and human hands must solve the problem. The long watches of the night should see many of us poring over the problems that are before us. As we go on our way we should solve the problems, then those lads will be readjusted and reoriented into civilian life. They are going to need a great deal of readjustment and direction in connection with their social life, their economic life and their family life. Many of them are coming back with grave questions about us. They are raising grave questions about our labor organizations. They are raising graver questions about our racial and sex problems, questions about our religious organizations. They are certainly taking into consideration maladministration in State and in National Governments. They are going to have many solutions for our problems and unless we are going to turn our government, our Lodges and our churches over to them to run as they think they should be, then I want to say to you we will need to reorganize all that we have and all that we are to take care of the pitfalls that are becoming more and more apparent as they return to civilian life and begin to take the reins in their own hands. It is up to us to see them restored to family life, to home, to society and to those other organizations that we have within our Commonwealth which are designed primarily to enable people to live a life under those conditions which create happiness and joy and security.

Many of us are going to find that the things we have been doing and are doing are infinitely insignificant. We have been spending a great deal of our time pettifogging along with insignificant details which are meaningless and at the same time of no consequence. You and I are going to have to study our problems and show these boys that we have grown with them. That is the thing I would like to emphasize here and now for Masons and Masonry. Unless we can demonstrate to them that we have grown with them, that we have had experiences with them and are ready to face the future with them, shoulder to shoulder, in all life's travels, difficulties and vicissitudes, we can only expect them to come back and find civilian life flat, stale and unprofitable. Then they will decide on a regime of their own which might mean nothing short of revolution and, perhaps, complete collapse.

This is the opportunity for Freemasonry to rise in its power and might, exercise all of its genius and all the strength that it has. No greater opportunity has ever presented itself to this great Order than will present itself in the days ahead. Anything we can do or hope to do will amount to nothing at all unless we can do it and say it with authority and with the feeling of love and friendship and brotherhood. This means definitely that we will have to spend time, we will have to give up something. It means definitely we will have to put aside some of the tender memories, some of the ease and comforts we have had, in order that we may give each and every boy the opportunity to start out on the road of self sufficiency whose goal is ultimately security. Unless we can put into Masonry those elements that will mean something to our boys and girls who return we had better return our charter and join some organization that is concerned with vital things.

Therefore, I am saying to you that now is the time when we had better rise and meet our critics. Masonry has had a long and glorious history. This morning you heard it said it started back 600,000 years ago. There is not much difference between 600,000 and 60,000, as far as we are concerned. At any rate, you and I have become joint heirs of a great political, social and moral philosophy that has drawn richly and deeply from the riches of ancient philosophy, history, morality, politics and government. Those were the principles which governed our ancient brotherhood. Then because we were a select group and our membership was obtained and maintained only under certain conditions we have been rather a smug and complacent group of people. As a result there has grown up in others the notion that we are of no consequence, an idea that we are not to be reckoned with. It is high time Masonry stepped out of its smug complacency and made a definite stand for itself. I call your attention to the fact that it is constantly said of us that we joined a rationalist order and therefore we are irreligious. Some churches throughout the land have gone so far as to stand up and definitely castigate us and deny membership in their organizations to those who had membership in ours. It has been considered good form to stand up in certain congregations and groups and say everything mean about Masons and Masonry and receive applause for so doing. That is amply illustrated by the anti-Masonic movement which took place in America at the beginning of the last century. We have sat by quietly and allowed people to say what they wanted about us, without attempting to dispute or answer.. The day is here when we have a Catholic hour, a Kiwanis hour, a Rotary hour and every other kind of hour on the radio. The press has its special columns for special groups. We too, have something to sell to the people of the world. It is time that we roused from the isolation that has characterized us through the ages. We should put all of our cards and all of our accomplishments on the table and let our work be measured by what we have done, rather than by what they say.

There are those among our members who say we are run by authority and that unless you are in the inner circle you don't amount to much There are others who say, "Well, the Master and Secretary are doing this and that and the other and it is no use us doing anything." They do not recognize that the very foundation of Freemasonry is the democratic idea. Out of its ranks have arisen those who have maintained leadership in Masonry and in many other fields.

Then we have those who join from self interest, who as soon as they get through with the Lodge want to use it for some kind of preference. They seem to think that is the principal object of Masonry. I know of no single phase, no single action, no single philosophy that would justify that. Those of us who have been through recognize the fact that the ramification of the simple lesson learned in the first degree is the total lesson of Freemasonry. We have nothing to be ashamed of, nothing to be afraid of. So I say to you very frankly that it may be we are going to have to change our method of doing things. It may be we will have to put aside some of our old traditions and work in a new direction, in order to maintain our integrity. We may say to the world that Masons are those who are interested in democratic procedure and in the welfare of mankind.

We must reexamine the lessons of Freemasonry. I wonder if I were to ask you very frankly what is Freemasonry what would you say. There are those among you who would say it is a beautiful method of teaching, whereby, through the degrees you learn the great lessons of life, of loving and helping one another. This is exemplified in the lives of men who have maintained its theories and ancient landmarks, almost unchanged from the very beginning down through the ages. They have learned its lessons and got help through its teachings.

Yet Masonry is not just a matter of words and degrees. If you and I should sit down together and talk things over and come to understand our problems and draw conclusions, I wonder what, down in your hearts, you would say what you think of it. Some of you would say it is a swell bunch of fellows; some of you would say it is an opportunity to get free meals once in a while; some of you would say it is a grand organization which enables me to give free exercise to my ego; and others would say it is an amplification of the teachings of the church, it is the very programme of human living. Then there are others who might say Freemasonry equals friendship, Freemasonry equals brotherly love, or Masonry equals self denial, or self control. As yet we have no single definition. The job that confronts us in the post-war world requires us to get down to some basis of definition whereby we may agree about the objectives of this organization of ours so that we may speak a common language, have a single objective to tell those around and about us and to preach to the uttermost parts of the earth what this thing means. Let us show that Masonry is not a divided organization, that you and I and all of us, wherever we are dwelling, can gather together all the things that Masonry stands for and all that it participates in, and put it into one single clarion call at which sound we may move forward in our efforts to make the world a better place in which to live and a happier place in which to rear our children.

Therefore, I would like to say I am not concerned about ritual, or the way we transact our business. I have no sympathy with the man who is concerned whether it is this or that, whether he takes it right or left, or whether there should be an "a" instead of "b." Those are marks of intellectual deterioration. Lets go back with the steadfast determination that Masonry is the thing that counts, not the machinery of Masonry. I am wondering how many of us are using the square and compass, are putting our hands on the shoulders of men and saying, "Perhaps we are wrong. Let us sit down and talk this thing over." I wonder how many have put away the regalia and have said, "We are more concerned about your welfare, your family, your success in business, your spiritual welfare, than whether we are going to be appointed to some committee at the next meeting of Grand Lodge."

I am also interested in the fact that Freemasonry is interested primarily in democratic traditions. If there is one thing that is of significance to us today it is this outstanding fact. When Hitler rose to power the first thing he did was to extinguish Masonry. I have a great fear in my heart that democracy is heading for troubles. It is going to remain for us to preserve democracy; I say without fear of contradition that dictatorship in all its evil outstanding features will rise up in its power unless Freemasonry steps in and we enter the fight. We are travelling on the road to destruction and if we remain indifferent to our own security and our own necessity, then we will have nobody to blame but ourselves, then we will suffer a well earned and much merited destruction. You and I ought to preserve and to preach and broadcast the real genius of Freemasonry. For me Masonry means friendship, a friendship that means more than just "Hello, Brother." friendship that means more than just a passing acquaintance, a friendship that goes deeply and significantly and fully into my heart and into the hearts of those that I teach and into everything I do and everything I say.

I have said to you we have these post-war problems. One is the problem of the returned veterans; the second is the problem of answering our critics and ceasing to be afraid; and the third one is to defend, protect and promote the genius of Freemasonry.

Now I come to the fourth and the one that comes closest to my heart. I speak to you now out of the experience of thirty some odd years in handling young people throughout the United States. I speak to you after having visited upwards of forty Army and Navy camps in the past four or five years and having talked to hundreds, maybe thousands, of young men and young women. I speak to you out of the conviction that no nation can rise highter than the youth of that nation; I speak to you out of the conviction that the peace and security of Masonry, church, home, school and democracy depends ultimately on the way we handle our young people. I am concerned about it from another angle. Just recently, I have been going around talking to boys who are bothered and perplexed as they are waiting for their eighteenth birthday to come and who are certain that induction is just around the corner. They talked to me through the long watches of the night and in the daytime. They have poured out their hearts to me and tried to get sympathetic understanding. I have sat patiently and listened long as they have told their many stories. They all add up to the same thing. The boys are saying to me that the old folks don't care. They are saying very definitely that parents don't know what it is all about, that they are only considering their own problems of making money and paying income taxes and worrying about the older ones who are in the service. They are leaving the young people pretty much to their own devices; they say the schools are filled with incompetent men, incompetent because if they were competent they would be in the Armed Forces, and a bunch of silly women who are themselves tremendously frustrated. Because of that they are tremendously incapacitated for leadership of strong, virile, wholesome young people. They say that the church has nothing for them, that they hear nothing at all of their own problems, of the dangers that confront them. The whole thing has become so emotionalized, youth is seeking some pocess which would help solve their problems and give them some feeling of satisfaction. So they come and ask the question, what is it all about and what are we going to do? Then when we talk about the Temple and Masonry they say, "Why should we join the Masonic Lodge? About all the Masonic Lodge has done for us in the past three years was to raise the devil because we smoked in the rooms where they never smoked before. We only got there on the ground floor. Why, if they think so much of us, don't they come out and participate in the things we do and plan with us. We don't want them to plan for us, we want them to plan with us. Why don't they come out and listen once in a while, instead of doing so much talking to us? We have to find our own groups, our own activities. We can't do it in church, because we can't say in church what we want to do. We can't do it in our homes, because there is nobody in the home.'' Therefore. the only things that are left are the moving picture shows and the road houses. In the former they get the lessons of life from some of the most highly paid group of morally undesirables that the world has ever known, and lessons which are certainly most unhealthy and unwholesome. And our Masonic Lodge sits by and wonders why they are not attracted to its door.

We have a job in this post-war world and no other organization is going to do our work for us. We have a solemn responsibility, a responsibility to pass on to the young people the aspiration for the great and noble things of our history which is replete with famous names, names that have lived through all the ages. We have to go to them with a philosophy of life that will lead them from the good to the better until at last their best is reached. We have in Masonry abundant leadership which is almost unparalleled in any other organization in the world. Our task today is before us, it is tremendour, overwhelming. So I say to you, let us put aside our prejudices, let us put aside our little idle entertainments, let us strengthen our voices. Let me remind you again that these young people have very little to look forward to after years of occupation in Germany and Japan,—no home, no family of their own, no acquaintances, nothing but the wreck of a post-war world. They have nothing to look forward to except the day of solving those problems inherent in race and creed, and those problems that have grown out of maladministration and misadministration, those questions that are daily increasing. There is very little for them to live for unless you and I can say that back through the ages there has been a single road, which has been divided in three parts, and those three have been shown on the pages of human experience as it has been revealed to us in the secret volume of our religion. They are further revealed to us in the work of our profession. That road has been travelled for a hundred thousand years. That same pathway is open to you, is open to all of us. You and I must step off the lofty pedestal and put aside the petty cares of life. With helpful hands and earnest hearts lead these young people to a new life. Give them those sublime teachings which we have loved long since and lost awhile. We must learn to work on the level and on the square, that we may win the confidence and trust of all these boys and girls everywhere.

Those are the post war problems and plans which if you and I forget will mean ultimately the dissolution of Freemasonry, save as an old men's club. I say to you it must be renewed, vigorous, manful and purposeful, so that we may have an answer to give to our critics, so that we may be definitely sold on its genius and so we may devote ourselves to the boys and girls of the world.

I thank you.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK L. EVERSULL.

Great applause by the Brethren.

A very hearty vote of thanks was proposed by W. Bro. E. V. Chable who extended the sincere appreciation of everyone present.

Second Day

Thursday, June 7th, 1945.

Afternoon Session

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor at 2.45 p.m. by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. Samuel Burland, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION AND GRAND LODGE LIBRARY

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Grand Master and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through its Committee on Masonic Research and Education, begs to report as follows:

It is no more than fair, not only to the members of Grand Lodge, but to the members of this Committee, to preface this report with the comment that during the past few months the exigencies of his avocation have deprived the Committee of the services and the real inspiration of our chairman. Under his leadership an earnest endeavor was instituted early in the Grand Lodge year not only to stimulate masonic education in this Grand Jurisdiction, but to assist and co-operate with the constituent lodges and their members in widening their contacts with their fellow Masons and their fellowmen, and so to spread that cement of affection and brotherly love which binds us together, not as individuals, not as lodges, but as one great body for the preservation and the propagation of the cardinal virtues of brotherly love, relief and truth—probably the three things that the world of today needs most.

The masonic paper was already under way when your Committee took office, and after completing the canvass of the constituent Lodges, by letter, the project was launched and the first issue of "Masonry in Manitoba" was published in January of this year under the authority of Grand Lodge. The venture started on a subscription basis. The Committee has since reached the conclusion that Grand Lodge would be well advised to bear the cost of sending this publication to every member of the Craft in the Province. Accordingly, the Committee has budgeted for the necessary funds in that behalf in the next masonic year.

Arrangements were made for degree teams to visit various lodges and confer the degrees. This idea appears to have distinct advantages. The officers of Brandon Lodge No. 19 visited Harmony Lodge No. 142 at Cardale on July 20th and the officers of Fort Garry Lodge No. 130 rendered a like service to Ophir Lodge No. 112 at Beausejour on October 6th.

Brethren were delegated to prepare suitable transcripts of the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason Degrees in order that recent candidates for these degrees might better learn the lessons that they exemplify. This undertaking is still receiving attention and will undoubtedly bear fruit at an early date.

Mindful of the benefits derived from the area meetings, held during the previous year, your Committee made a survey of the situation in that regard and decided to encourage and promote a continuation of that type of meeting; the idea being to bring together the brethren in various localities, without regard to masonic districts. The Committee did not assume control of such meetings, but solicited the co-operation and assistance of the masters of key lodges, offered speakers and entertainers and assumed the major portion of the cost. Three such meetings were held, at Morris, at Souris, and at Neepawa. Your Committee takes this opportunity to express its sincere appreciation of the services rendered masonry by the brethren of the lodges in these centres. The success of these meetings seems to justify a considerable extension of this work, and your Committee has budgeted for a substantial amount in that behalf for the ensuing year.

The library has enjoyed another successful year and has rendered real service to the craft. The detailed report of the Grand Librarian will be submitted. Nothing more in that regard is necessary here, than to say that the brethren of this jurisdiction owe a real debt to M.W. Bro. Harry Woods, for his sympathetic and intelligent administration of the duties of librarian, and that this Committee owes him a like debt for his services as secretary during the past year. The Committee gratefully acknowledges its debt, and we are sure that the members of the craft do likewise as to theirs.

In closing may we report that during the past year your Committee has made a sincere effort to do some really constructive work within the scope of its jurisdiction, with what results time alone will tell. It is pioneer work, and it is easier said than done, but your Committee hope and feel that they have laid the foundation for a field of endeavor, that if pursued will redound to the benefit of our Masonic brethren in the Province of Manitoba.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. D. LAWRENCE,
Acting Chairman.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LODGE LIBRARIAN

To M.W. Brother W. D. Lawrence, Acting Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:

I beg to hand you the report of the Grand Librarian for the year ending March 31st, 1945, which I regret will be very brief, as I have been unable to attend the meetings.

The work has, however, been carried on most efficiently by the Librarian in charge, M.W. Brother Harry Woods.

We have again to thank those who have so kindly made donations to the Library during the past year.

The number of books distributed has been most satisfactory.

Fraternally submitted,

SGD.: C. E. SOMERSET,
Grand Librarian.

List showing books and other literature distributed from the Library during the Masonic Year, 1944-'45:

M.00 Encyclopedias, etc.	33
M.02 Societies, Transactions	4
M.10 History and Philosophy	133
M.11 Symbolism	171
M.12 Masonry & Citizenship	1
M.14 Rites, Degrees, Manuals	32
M.16 Biography	1
M.17 History, Geographical Divisions	22
M.19 General Works	2
M.20 Ceremonies, etc.	10
M.30 Jurisprudence, etc.	5
M.52 Art and Architecture	7
M.61 Short Talks, Essays, etc.	62
M.62 Magazines, bound	8
M.63 Poetry and Drama	2

M.66	Novels and Tales	86	
	Miscellaneous Non-Masonry	36	
	Proceedings	22	
			637
	Magazines	35	
	Clippings	4	
	Pamphlets	20	
			59

Books donated to the Library during the Masonic Year 1944-'45:

33 Books on Masonic Subjects, donated by the following Brethren:

R. W.	Bro. J. H. G. Russell, "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114	7
	Bro. H. C. Grant, "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114	1
Late	Bro. F. Toon, "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114	2
	Bro. A. M. S. Ross, "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114	7
W.	Bro. E. S. Moorhead, Northern Light Lodge No. 10	1
W.	Bro. A. P. Crossin, Northern Light Lodge No. 10	2
M.W.	Bro. W. J. Major, Ionic Lodge No. 25	10
W.	Bro. O. W. Couch, Swan Lake Lodge No. 109	1
M.W.	Bro. W. Douglas, St. John's Lodge No. 4	1
V. W.	Bro. W. P. White, St. John's Lodge No. 4	1
	5 Books, Non-Masonic, donated by the following Brethren:	
W.	Bro. R. F. Blandy, 2800 Sourass Drive, Oak Bay, Victoria, B. C.	1
Late	Bro. R. Shaw, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3	3
	Bro. G. Souch, St. John's Lodge No. 4	1

R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey (25), moved that the Report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education, including the Report on the Library, be received and adopted, seconded by W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114). Carried.

REPORT ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

The Committee on the Grand Master's Address appointed by the Board of General Purposes report as follows:

The Grand Master gave unstintingly of his time and talents in the interests of Freemasonry, and his report of his various activities shows a record of faithful and devoted service.

He has been most zealous in the performance of his duties He made many visitations both within and without his Jurisdiction. From personal knowledge, your Committee knows that each visit was productive of the desired end, viz: the strengthening of fraternal ties and the promulgation of the inspirational word for the advancement of Masonic ideals.

Your Committee learns with pleasure that there are many evidences that Lodges are catching the real vision of their mission in the Communities in which they serve and are striving to fulfil their obligations to God, their Country and their fellowmen by becoming mediums for service.

The Grand Master shows an intimate knowledge of conditions within his own Jurisdiction.

We commend most sincerely, the fitting references made by the Grand Master to the end of the terrible war in Europe. To use his own words, "Due to the courage and loyalty to ideals and a boundless love of right, liberty and justice," the enemy was defeated.

"Truth crushed to earth will rise again,
The eternal years of God are here,
But error wounded, wreathes in pain
And dies among her worshippers."

He makes fitting reference to the Service of Thanksgiving and Dedication held in Winnipeg on Sunday, June 3rd, in which a large assemblage gave thanks to Almighty God for Victory over our enemies and our renewed dedication to the great social virtues of Faith, Friendship and Freedom working in unison for purity of character and stability of society.

Fitting reference is made to the loss sustained by our Jurisdiction and neighboring Jurisdictions south of the International Boundary, by the passing of eminent brethren who had distinguished themselves in promoting goodwill and International amity.

It is pleasing to note that the Grand Master reports a strong upsurge of Masonic activity in every District.

We commend very highly the Grand Master's recommendation that the fullest possible support be given to the "Western Conference." This Conference serves an excellent purpose by pooling ideas for the orderly operation of Grand Lodges and, as far as possible, uniformity of procedure.

Reference was made by the Grand Master to a proposal to erect a new Temple as a Peace Memorial in honor of the Brethren who had given their lives in order that humanity might live. As this is only in the consultative stage, no further reference should be made here.

The Grand Master reports an added interest in the District Meetings as evidenced by the increased attendance and carefully arranged and well balanced program. He gives well-deserved praise to the District Deputy Grand Masters for their work and support throughout the year.

His attendance at Lodge Meetings is evidence of his interest in the Constituent Lodges and his kindly reference to the youth of most of the Initiates is a hopeful augury for the future of the Craft.

We heartily concur in the views expressed by the Grand Master as to the need for and value of our new publication. "Freemasonry in Manitoba."

It is pleasing to note that an important departure from the usual routine of Masonic gatherings is that of the "Regional Meetings." Three of these were held and were no doubt productive of much interest and benefit to those who attended.

The efforts of the Grand Master on behalf of the Benevolent Fund is to be highly commended, and the gift of $1,000.00 to Masons of Malta no doubt meets with the hearty approbation of Grand Lodge.

In conclusion, your Committee feels that the M.W. the Grand Master shows a comprehensive knowledge of the great principles and ideals of Freemasonry, but he also shows an extensive knowledge of the affairs of Grand Lodge and its needs to make it a more effective agent for carrying out an application of these ideals.

We are deeply indebted to the Grand Master for his untiring efforts and the faithful and conscientious manner in which he fulfilled his trust.

Fraternally submitted,
GEORGE HUNTER,
Member of the Committee on
Grand Master's Address.

Moved by M.W. Bro. George Hunter (10), that this report be received and adopted. Carried.

COMMITTEE ON GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Grand Secretary's annual report begs to summarize the same and emphasize some of its highlights

A serious perusal of the report, speaking generally, discloses that our Grand Secretary has complied with the provisions of section eighty of the Constitution respecting the duties of grand secretary in the matter of preparing his annual report. In order to prepare his report properly he must have discharged all the other functions of his office zealously and carefully, otherwise, the information necessary for the drafting of his report would not have been available.

The report reflects a complete picture of the status of membership in our jurisdiction both at the beginning and the end of the calendar year 1944. These figures were assembled and tabulated from the annual reports of our District Deputy Grand Masters. We note that much labor was involved in their preparation.

The passing of three of our illustrious past Grand Masters during the year has been suitably observed by the publication, in each case, of an "In Memoriam."

The acquisition of two new lodge halls would indicate that Masonry is progressing very favorably in Stonewall and Shoal Lake.

Over a hundred special dispensations were granted during the year. Notable among these were twenty-two applications for change in hour or date of regular meeting, and twenty-nine applications for attendance at divine service with regalia. The latter, we believe, is a step forward toward the advancement of Masonic influence in local communities and should be encouraged so that the sphere of Masonic influence might be enlarged.

The highlight of the report, of course, is the record of 617 initiates during 1944 as against 368 in the previous year, showing a net gain of 445 members during the year. We do not wish to emphasize the fact of an increase in membership so much, but rather the fact that Masonry is making a silent appeal to young men. In other words, the leaven of Masonry is spreading in all directions and it may well be that the publicising of the Principles of Freemasonry is beginning to bear fruit.

Your committee feels that it may well congratulate our Grand Secretary on the efficient manner in which he conducts the business of Grand Lodge office. The volume of correspondence necessary, for example, in the matter of arranging for courtesy degrees with other grand jurisdictions throughout Canada and other parts of the Commonwealth, has been very heavy. But the good accomplished in making it possible for young men in the armed forces to complete in one jurisdiction degrees initiated in another, has proven of inestimable value to our young soldiers, sailors and airmen.

Even with no allowance for his advanced years, our Grand Secretary has served this Grand Jurisdiction well and we heartily approve of this, his annual report.

Fraternally submitted,

DAVID GRIFFITH,
Chairman.

Presented by R.W. Bro. David Griffith (138), who moved that the Report be adopted, seconded by W. Bro. Fred. H. Blythe (93). Carried.

COMMITTEE ON WAR RELIEF

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through its Special Committee on War Relief, begs to report as follows:

The amount standing to the credit of the Masonic War Relief Fund at the last annual Communication of Grand Lodge, was $12,247.07. Since that time the following donations have been received:

2nd Masonic District	$47.82
5th Masonic District	37.40
Hamiota Lodge Number 84	15.00
"The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114	5.00
Oriental Lodge Number 54	2.00
Harmony Lodge Number 142	2.00
Stony Mountain Lodge No. 134	5.00
Bank Interest earned up to and for Nov. 30th, 1944	30.57

Increasing the balance to $12,391.86.

From this total must be deducted the sum of 200 pounds sterling, amounting in Canadian funds to $894.66, which was sent to the Grand Lodge of Scotland to assist the Masonic Lodges in the Island of Malta, leaving a balance of $11,497.20 remaining to the credit of the fund.

Your Committee has kept in touch with the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland during the past year, and will continue to do so, in order that when the time arrives for the re-establishment of the Masonic Lodges in Europe, assistance may be sent to them through the medium of these two Grand Lodges with as little delay as possible.

Fraternally submitted,

BEN C. PARKER,
Chairman of the Committee.

Presented by M.W. Bro. B. C. Parker (4), who moved that the report be adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson (102). Carried.

Grand Lodge of Scotland,

Freemasons' Hall,
96 George Street,
Edinburgh, Scotland.
January 30th, 1945.

J. H. G. Russell, Esq.,
Grand Secretary,
Masonic Temple,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dear Sir and R.W. Brother:

Lodge St. Andrew, Pawla, Malta, No. 966

I have received your letter of the 20th ult. and thank the members of your Grand Lodge most heartily for the generous gift of £200 to be applied towards the furnishings of the new Temple in Malta.

I shall make the necessary arrangements for the money being sent to Malta with instructions that the furnishings bought with the money shall be designated and marked as being a gift from your Grand Lodge.

I am,

Yours fraternally,

W. KING GILLIES,

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Scotland,

Freemasons' Hall,
96 George Street,
Edinburgh, Scotland,
February 16th, 1945.

J. H. G. Russell, Esq.,
Grand Secretary,
Masonic Temple,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

I have had great pleasure in reporting your letter of the 20th of December to our Grand Committee and they desire me to express to you their profound appreciation of your splendid gift to the Lodge at Malta, which I am now transmitting with a copy of your letter. I am asking them to carry out your instructions and acknowledge receipt to me of the cheque for £200.

I can assure you that the Grand Committee are very proud of this generous gift towards one of the Daughter Lodges under the Scottish Constitution which has suffered so severely.

I am,

Yours fraternally,

W. KING GILLIES,

Grand Secretary.

Villa Gloria,
Ta-Xbiex,
Malta, "G.C.,"
March 30th, 1945.

The Grand Secretary,
Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dear Sir and R.W. Brother:

I have received from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the handsome donation of £200 which your Grand Lodge has made towards the rebuilding of our Temple which was destroyed by enemy action.

On behalf of the brethren here, please accept and convey to your Grand Lodge our sincere and grateful thanks for your assistance to us, a token of brotherhood which we shall ever remember.

The donation will, as you desire, be earmarked for some special furnishings to be associated with your Grand Lodge. When a decision has been taken in the matter, I will let you know what has been selected. The present position is, that although the Temple has been rebuilt, furnishings are practically unprocurable and we carry on with a makeshift on the material side, but whenever further steps can be taken I will, as I have said, let you know to what your gift has been allocated.

I need not assure you that our brethren here will at all times extend a warm welcome to brethren of your Jurisdiction, and trust that it may not be long before we can translate our hope into action.

With sincere fraternal greetings from us all and again our warmest thanks, believe me.

Sincerely yours,
(Sir) M. H. MAXWALE ANDERSON,
Hon. Grand Warden,
Grand Lodge of Scotland.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals. Extract re the Amendments to the Constitution:

"Report of Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals."

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M.

The Board of General Purposes, through its Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals begs to report as follows:

Certain proposed amendments to the Constitution of Grand Lodge were received for consideration by your Committee, and your Committee finds that the proposed amendments have been properly introduced in accordance with the Constitution to Grand Lodge and are in order for presentation to Grand Lodge and are within the powers of Grand Lodge under its Act of Incorporation and amending Acts and its Constitution.

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Section 74 of the Constitution be amended by adding thereto as Sub-section (k) thereof, the following:

> (k) Constitution and Revision.
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> That Section 75 of the Constitution be amended by adding thereto as Sub-section (k) thereof, the following:
>
> (k) Constitution and Revision.
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> To make a continuous study of the Constitution of Grand Lodge, and from time to time, to recommend revision thereof or amendments thereto, as the needs therefor may arise.

Moved by R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey (25), seconded by M.W. Bro. B. C. Parker (4), that the motion be adopted. Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Section 90 of the Constitution, in the clause covering Fees to Grand Lodge, be amended by adding, after the words "One Dollar," the words "and Fifty Cents." Reading as follows:

> "For every member not a life member on June 3rd, 1943, an Annual Fee of One Dollar and Fifty Cents payable one half . . . etc."

Moved by W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114), seconded by R.W. Bro. H. A. Innes (3), that the motion be adopted. Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Section 119 of the Constitution of Grand Lodge be amended by deleting the period after the word "degree" and adding the following thereto:

> "Provided however, that, if authorized by its By-Laws, a Lodge may transact its business in either the Entered Apprentice or Master Mason Degree."

Moved by W. Bro. W. C. Graham (114), seconded by R.W. Bro. John Parton (114), that the motion be adopted. Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Section 229 of the Constitution be amended by deleting the words "and a majority vote of the members present shall be sufficient to restore" occurring in the fourth and fifth lines, and the following substituted therefor:

> "And the provisions with regard to the petition for initiation providing for a special Committee of Enquiry and for a vote by ballot shall be observed."

Moved by W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe (93), seconded by W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114), that the motion be adopted. Carried.

The following Notices of Motion were laid over from the last Grand Lodge Communication to the Communication to be held this June:

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Section 159 of the Constitution be amended by inserting immediately after the word "present" in the first line thereof, the words:

> "Including the Tyler or Acting Tyler (if a member of the Lodge)."

Moved by R.W. Bro. M. E. MacKinnon (49), seconded by R.W. Bro. R. M. Muckle (2), that the motion be adopted. Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Section 166, Sub-section (a) of the Constitution be repealed and that the following Sub-section be added immediately after Section 167:

> "When a petition for Affiliation is based upon a Certificate of Standing or a Demit issued by a Lodge not under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,

> the Special Committee of Enquiry provided for in Section 167 shall not make its report nor shall any ballot be taken on such petition for Affiliation, until such Demit or Certificate of Standing has been submitted to and been Approved by the Grand Secretary."

Moved by R.W. Bro. M. E. Mackinnon (49), seconded by R.W. Bro. R. M. Muckle (2), that the motion be adopted. Carried.

The following Notices of Motion were laid on the table, to be considered by the Committee on Constitution Revision:

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Section 67 of the Constitution be deleted and the following substituted in place thereof:

> "It shall also prescribe standard forms of Petition for Initiation and Affiliation, which shall embody the following statement: 'I have read the Declaration of Principles and subscribe thereto without reservation.'"

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Section 164 and 169 of the Constitution be amended as follows:

After the word "Constitution" insert the following words: "And Declaration of Principles."

The following Notice of Motion was lost:

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Section 163 of the Constitution be amended by adding the following Sub-section:

> "No petitioner shall receive his Entered Apprentice Degree within 28 days after the ballot is taken, without a dispensation from the M.W. Grand Master."

ADJOURNMENT

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment at 5.00 p.m. by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Samuel Burland, to reconvene at 8.00 o'clock in the evening for the closing Session.

Thursday, June 7th, 1945.

Evening Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters and Distinguished Guests entered the Lodge Room, the brethren singing the processional hymn, "Lord of the Lands, beneath Thy bending skies."

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. Samuel Burland at 8.00 p.m. with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report as follows:

There are 104 Chartered Lodges on the Grand Lodge Register, 77 Lodges are represented by one or more of their three principal Officers, and 27 are unrepresented, namely:

King Solomon Lodge No. 8
Brandon Lodge No. 19
Manitou Lodge No. 30
Birtle Lodge No. 39
East Star Lodge No. 55
Russell Lodge No. 62
Composite Lodge No. 64
Elkhorn Lodge No .74
Hamiota Lodge No. 84
Elgin Lodge No. 86
Midlothian Lodge No. 90
Shoal Lake Lodge No. 92
Binscarth Lodge No. 101
Miniota Lodge No. 102
Union Lodge No. 108
Swan Lake Lodge No. 109
Kilwinning Lodge No. 110
Rivers Lodge No. 115

Roblin Lodge No. 122
The Pas Lodge No. 124
Favel Lodge No. 126
Victory Lodge No. 128
Shellmouth Lodge No. 129
Sprague Lodge No. 132
Harmony Lodge No. 142
Jubilee Lodge No. 147
Cartwright Lodge No. 150

Ninety-nine Lodges have one or more Past Masters present, and five Lodges have neither Past Master nor Officer present, namely:

Russell Lodge No. 62
Binscarth Lodge No. 101
Victory Lodge No. 128
Shellmouth Lodge No. 129
Harmony Lodge No. 142

There were present:

Past Masters	446	
Worshipful Masters	64	
Senior Wardens	45	
Junior Wardens	41	
		596

Registered:

Master Masons	69	
Visitors	8	
		77
		673

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER C. McDONALD,
Chairman.

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Total Vote
1	Prince Rupert's	1	1		9	11
2	Lisgar	1		1	6	8
3	Ancient Landmark .	1	1	1	10	13
4	St. John's	1	1	1	18	21
6	Emerson		1	1	8	19
7	Assiniboine	1			4	5
8	King Solomon				4	4
10	Northern Light	1	1		11	13
11	Gladstone	1			6	7
12	Stonewall	1	1	1	7	10
13	Morden	1			7	8
14	Prince of Wales	1			1	2
15	Corinthian	1			1	2
19	Brandon				1	1
24	Neepawa	1	1		8	10
25	Ionic	1	1	1	20	23
27	Glenwood	1			4	5
29	Carberry	1	1		3	5
30	Manitou				1	1
36	Doric	1			2	3
39	Birtle				1	1
40	Deloraine	1			1	2
43	Lebanon	1			1	2
44	Oak Lake			1	1	2
48	Glenboro	1			1	2
49	Temple	1	1	1	8	11
50	Killarney	1			1	2
51	Treherne		1		1	2
52	Hartney	1		1	2	4
54	Oriental	1			3	4
55	East Star				4	4
62	Russell					
63	Holland			1	3	4
64	Composite				6	6
67	Wawanesa	1	1	1	4	7
68	Vermillion	1	1	1	2	5
70	Shiloh	1	1	1	11	14
71	Crystal		1		3	4
74	Elkhorn				1	1
75	Gothic	1	1			2
77	Napinka	1		1	5	7
82	Cypress	1			3	4
84	Hamiota				2	2
86	Elgin				2	2
87	Rathwell	1			1	2
90	Midlothian				4	4
92	Shoal Lake				3	3
93	King Edward		1	1	17	19
94	Hiram	1	1		1	3
100	Robbie Burns	1			1	2
101	Binscarth					
102	Miniota				5	5

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Total Vote
103	Crescent	1	1	1	4	7
104	Reston	1	1	1	8	11
105	Prince Arthur	1	1		1	3
106	Strathclair	1	1		2	4
107	Lansdowne	1	1		4	6
108	Union				2	2
109	Swan Lake				1	1
110	Kilwinning				1	1
111	Acacia	1	1	1	7	10
112	Ophir	1				1
113	Tweed	1			6	7
114	"The Assiniboine" ..	1	1	1	12	15
115	Rivers				1	1
116	St. Andrew's	1		1	5	7
117	Strathcona	1	1		4	6
118	Mound		1	1	2	4
119	Norwood	1		1	14	16
120	Penza			1	6	7
121	St. James	1	1	1	5	8
122	Roblin				4	4
123	Transcona	1	1	1	1	4
124	The Pas				1	1
125	Patricia	1			3	4
126	Favel				1	1
127	Empire	1	1	1	7	10
128	Victory					
129	Shellmouth					
130	Fort Garry	1	1	1	11	14
131	Kildonan	1	1	1	6	9
132	Sprague				2	2
133	McCreary			1	3	4
134	Stony Mountain	1	1		2	4
136	Capitol	1		1	9	11
137	Lord Selkirk	1	1	1	6	9
138	Windsor		1		5	6
139	Beaver	1	1	1	5	8
140	Meridian	1	1	1	9	12
141	Tuscan		1	1	4	6
142	Harmony					
143	Mt. Sinai	1	1	1	14	17
144	Fort Osborne	1	1	1	3	6
145	Sturgeon Creek	1	1		5	7
146	Fidelity		1	1	7	9
147	Jubilee				1	1
148	Seven Oaks	1			6	7
150	Cartwright				1	1
151	The Dormer	1	1	1	8	11
152	Foxwarren		1			1
153	Flin Flon	1				1
154	Pine Falls	1	1	1	3	6
155	Carman	1		1	4	6
156	Manitouwapa	1		1	1	3
	Totals	64	45	41	446	596

On motion of R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. C. Grant (3), the report of the Committee on Credentials was received and adopted.

PRESENTATION OF FIFTY-YEAR MEDALS

To, Bro. E. Loftus (7), by M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker.

To, R.W. Bro. W. A. Piper (132), by M.W. Bro. Harry Woods.

Both these medals were presented by the M.W. Brethren on behalf of the M.W. Grand Master, Samuel Burland.

RESOLUTION RE HONORARY RANK

by M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd (140).

WHEREAS the real strength of Freemasonry lies not alone in its fundamental principles of brotherly love, relief and truth, but in the universality of the order.

AND WHEREAS such universality is attained only by friendly and sympathetic contacts between mason and mason, and lodge and lodge, and above all by such contacts between Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge.

AND WHEREAS the relations that obtain between the various grand jurisdictions on either side of the border line throughout the whole of this great mid-west, have always been and still are of a most happy, congenial and beneficial character.

AND WHEREAS this Grand Lodge has the Constitutional power and the earnest desire to express its deep appreciation of that condition in a tangible manner.

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA A.F. & A.M. do hereby confer upon each of the following MOST WORSHIPFUL

BRETHREN the rank of Honorary Past Grand Master—

M.W. BRO. GEORGE MOORE
M.W. BRO. GEORGE F. ELLIS
M.W. BRO. SAMUEL HARRIS

all Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and

M.W. BRO. WILLIAM F. HOLMAN

the present Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and upon

R.W. BRO. R. A. TATE,

the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, the rank of Honorary Deputy Grand Master,

and that the proper certificates in that behalf be issued forthwith.

Approved by Grand Lodge.

LETTERS TO SICK MEMBERS OF GRAND LODGE

Moved by R.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey (25), that letters be sent to all members of Grand Lodge who are laid aside through illness. This motion was seconded by R.W. Bro. H. B. Wallace (6), Grand Chaplain. Carried.

Selection by the Shrine Chanters.

ADDRESS BY M.W. BRO. KARL J. MOHR,

Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, and you, my brethren, the distinguished representatives of the Ancient Craft in the Province of Manitoba:

I acknowledge the great honor of appearing before you this evening and the privilege of conveying my thanks for the kindly greetings and winsome introduction accorded me in this room last evening. My first duty and responsibility, as the emissary of the Grand Master of Illinois, is to tender you, not formal and polite words of greeting from one grand jurisdiction to another, but the warm, deep, and sincere fraternal best wishes from the person of my Grand Master and his constituent two hundred thousand Master Masons. I wish to pay homage to the rich and splendid Masonic spirit and enterprise that I find so evident here in Manitoba, and may my humble presence here before you this evening also serve the purpose of returning the friendly call you made on us at the celebration of our centennial in 1940. At that time we were honored with the presence of your distinguished Past Grand Masters, Brother John T. Boyd and Brother William Douglas, and, I might add, a very happy representation it was.

I stand before you tonight very humbly indeed, as I realize that only last evening you were regaled with the elegant address of your own Grand Master, who packed into thirty-five minutes a scholarly address covering years of events in Manitoba. I start haltingly in my efforts to combine my thoughts on the subject of Freemasonry so dear to our hearts. I am going back to the presentation of the First degree. The Worshipful Master stepped down upon the floor of his Lodge, as a symbol of the enduring equality of membership and then presented to the candidate Masonry's first gift to its brethren, in my opinion the most precious that can ever be bestowed upon a member of our institution, and as he tendered him the lambskin or white leather apron he pronounced it "an emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason, more ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle, more honorable than the Star and Garter, or any other order that can be conferred upon you at this time or any future period." As these words resounded in all the magic beauty of our ritual, for the new brother, there was rolled back the sable curtains of the past, and unfolded before him, by implication, the whole story of Man and the intimate relationship between his greatness and this Fraternity.

Let me present to you two great personalities from my state which exemplify my meaning. The one came from

Vermont, the only state in the Union that cast its electoral vote for an "anti-Masonic" candidate. He was Stephen A. Douglas, the first Grand Orator of our Grand Lodge, a man who rose by sheer ability and personal magnetism to the highest position of statesmanship, a man who had never tasted defeat. The other, the Grand Emancipator, came to Illinois from Kentucky, and until 1860 had never known the pleasure of victory. Then these two men crossed swords and the man who had never known defeat experienced it for the first time, and the man who had never known victory became President of the United States. There followed the terrible war between the States, inaugurated with the thought that Dougles, with his tremendous following, would be a knife in the back to the North. But as the seceding South shelled Fort Sumter, Douglas, exemplifying the finest of our teaching, tendered to his late antagonist the solid support of his party in the North, sealed the doom of the southern states, and as much as any one man, decreed that ours would be one nation, indivisible forever. Let us pause in humble tribute to a great man of our Fraternity. May his action be an inspiration to us today.

A year ago in February it was my privilege, at the Grand Master's Conference in Washington, to share in a banquet graced by two great Masons leading the armed forces of the United States, General George Marshall and Admiral Ernest J. King. From their presence I carried away the impression that we can be satisfied with the leaders of our armed forces, that these men place the highest value possible on the lives of the men they command and that we can rest assured that their lives are not sacrificed in vain. Then, of course, you gentlemen share with me the appreciation of the fact that for the second time in the history of my country, there presides as its chief executive, a Past Grand Master of Masons. Truly, our legacy may be summed up in the French words "Noblesse Oblige," the obligation of nobility.

Like a golden thread that rises through the pattern on the loom; like a stirring theme that carries through a masterful symphony; like the architect's magic line that carries the eye past the slender spires of a great cathedral; such is the history of Freemasonry in those countries that have fostered and cherished its existence. Standing as it does for the inalienable rights of the individual as opposed to the state, it comes as no surprise to you and me that the first objective of the totalitarian dictator has been the annihilation, so far as possible, of all signs of our institution. We are not concerned with this objective which is only a repetition of history. We are concerned with the method by which it was attempted during this war, and the grievous days that preceded it. The dictator this time was not content with closing down; he attempted utter obliteration. We have even experienced that before, but never in the spirit of contempt and degradation which accompanied their actions this time.

Mussolini used the harsh arm of total destruction, driving our brethren from every possible position of trust and honor. Hitler was not content to close the great Masonic cathedrals; he ordered them turned into museums for the exhibition of the implements of our profession, as he thought, for the laughter of the world. The puppet Franco of Spain was not satisfied to shoot down our brethren in cold blood solely because of their allegiance, but they first had to be clothed in the full regalia of the Order, that the desecration might be complete, and the world taught the full fury and contempt of our enemies. When Hirohito's sadistic hordes thronged into Manila and took possession of the massive and magnficent Masonic Temple built by the Grand Lodge of the Phillipines, they could find no normal use for it that might strike the imagination of the world and be a tribute to decency, but it was desecrated by being converted into a Japanese war brothel, housing ten thousand prostituted girls from the homeland. Contempt, desecration, degradation, have been poured out by the dictators in full measure, in a futile attempt to presage our prostration and extinction; their actions have only proved to free men and women throughout the world that their contempt and cruelty were concealing an inward fear and abiding sense of inferiority. Truly the legacy of Noblesse Oblige is the privilege of our membership.

Such savage attacks found Freemasonry slumped in a stupor of smugness and complacency. In my opinion these same attacks have aroused us to a sense of obligation and a realization of duty. Now we are offering to the world, under the proud banner of Freemasonry, activities that would earn commendation from the great figures who have marched through our past. For instance, I considered it a privilege to present to my Grand Lodge two years ago, and secure from that body, unanimous approval of the abolition of physical qualifications as a condition precedent to Masonic membership. To some this came as a shock, but to us in Illinois it seemed that out of the twelve million young men serving in the cause of freedom, there are hundreds and thousands who have the right to look on potential Masonic membership as their rightful legacy in life. Some of these boys have come back, but they can never exchange a grip, because they left a hand in North Africa. Others will never be able to approach the East in our prescribed fashion; they left a leg on Iwo Jima. Others may be invited to partake of Light, but they cannot do so physically; a treacherous Japanese attack robbed them of their greatest sense. Should our Order be denied to these heroes? We determined that we could not stand on the curb and share their triumphal return, and then sneak around the corner and slam the doors of our Lodge in their faces. Henceforth, in Illinois, internal qualifications will serve as the only criterion of eligibility.

In all humility, because we realize how tiny any civilian effort can be, let me tell you about seven Masonic Service Centers opened three years ago and operated and maintained solely by the Masons of my state. Since then our hospitality has been extended to over a million boys in uniform, regardless of their walk in life, their religion, and irrespective of membership in our Fraternity. They have been our guests, not as Masons, but as Americans. Their badge of admission was the uniform of the country they served. In our files today some of the most appreciative letters of acknowledgment are from boys who had been taught from childhood to hate or ignore us. We have found our common bond in our joint membership in the greatest Fraternity of all, Our Country.

These Masonic Service Centers offer to the boy in uniform the usual advantages of fun, freedom, relaxation and companionship. Because we were serving humanity we found that our service could not stop here. Consequently, behind the scenes there has flowed another course of life, so rich in emotion, so beautiful in its exemplification of Brotherly Love, that it has written in warm glow another throbbing page of Masonic history.

Let me illustrate: One day there came into our Chicago center a little, white-haired lady. Her boy had just been returned from the South Pacific to an Army Hospital in California. He had been cruelly and grievously wounded. This was her problem: Her husband's death had thrown upon her the burden of keeping the family circle intact. With an intrepid and indomitable courage she had performed this miracle. One contributing factor to her success in keeping the family closely knit had been the celebration of all fete days, particularly birthdays. On this day her son was nineteen. The family custom was to celebrate with a lighted cake. This she wanted for her boy in California, to remind him of a Mother's love and to act as a prayer for his recovery. No agency would undertake it. It was too trifling a job. Your Masonic brethren did it for her. A long distance telephone call ensued to a Brother Mason in California. At 5.00 o'clock that evening there was wheeled into the wounded soldier a beautiful birthday cake. He was too weak to cut it, but not too weak to ask to have it cut and distributed to his buddies.

This is a simple story to relate to this congregation, but it hasn't ended. Three weeks later there came a letter from the Commandant of the Hospital, and these men don't have much time for writing letters. He said that for weeks medical science had poured out all its treasures for this wounded

American boy, but it began to look as if science didn't have enough riches to save him. Then came the birthday cake, and, miraculously, from some hidden source, as yet untouched by medical science, there came that priceless ingredient, the will and courage to live. And now, fully recovered, he had a request to make. It wasn't for any promotion, decoration, or even furlough, although the last three he received; his only request was to be sent back to the South Pacific to stay until the job was ended. The story is simple, but truly it furnishes the hidden source to the reason why America will inevitably win the war.

Today twelve million of our finest young American men are marching with inplacable tread toward Tokyo. They are as implacable as only free people can be when thoroughly aroused. They, and their allies, including those splendid fighting men from your Dominion, are thoroughly determined that the brown men of Asia must be brought to their knees for all time, stripped of the polish and veneer of pretended civilization, and taught that there is a Brotherhood of Man upon which they cannot thrust their will by force.

And now, as I prepare to leave you, having in mind those days that confront us, many of which must be dark and troublous, having in mind the anxiety they must hold, let me leave with you, as our solace, and inspiration, and our challenge, a few words pronounced by the first citizen of my state. In 1863 he stood on a platform erected above the bloodiest battlefield of my country. He followed a brilliant orator who had spoken eloquently for several hours. He arose to pronounce in several minutes what I consider a benediction to the program. What he said then came from a great, warm, human heart, and stands today as the beacon light of liberty loving people. I give his words to you as our prayer for the future. With eyes fixed on the horizon of the ages, and, as I shall always fondly claim, the hand of God on his shoulder, Lincoln spoke to all posterity: "Let us here be dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; let us here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth."

For your most gracious attention I am very appreciative. Thank you, and good-night.

Prolonged Applause.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Samuel Burland thanked M.W. Bro. Mohr for his earnest and practical address.

Selection by the Shrine Chanters.

REPORT OF SCRUTINEERS ON ELECTION, 1945-46.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Your Board of Scrutineers, appointed to conduct the Annual Election of Officers and eight members to the Board of General Purposes for a term of two years, also District Deputy Grand Masters for the several Masonic Districts, make report as follows:

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER the name of Peter T. Pilkey was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER the name of Maurice S. Donovan was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF SENIOR GRAND WARDEN the name of H. B. Donnelly was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN four names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

A. K. Cates
Jas. D. Harrower
J. Ferguson Irwin
Walter C. McDonald,

The number of ballots cast was 584 of which 582 were valid. (2 were spoiled.) The necessary quota to elect was 292. Bro. McDonald received the necessary number to elect.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND TREASURER the name of Alexander Burgess was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY the name of J. H. G. Russell was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND CHAPLAIN the name of H. B. Wallace was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND HISTORIAN the name of William Douglas was the only one submitted for nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND DRECTOR OF CEREMONIES two names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

Hugh A. Innes
R. C. Scanes

The number of ballots cast was 584 of which 577 were valid. (7 were spoiled.) The necessary quota to elect was 289. Bro. Innes received the quota.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND LIBRARIAN the name of Chas. E. Somerset was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES twenty-one names were submitted for eight vacancies (two year term) i.e.:

Fred H. Blythe
Harry Coddington
A. J. Christie
A. E. Duff
H. A. Good
S. Hart Green
J. C. Grant
K. R. Kennedy
Dave MacKay
Wm. McLellan
W. J. McGregor
Geo. E. Miles
R. M. Muckle
C. A. Midwinter
G. A. McMorran
Wm. Paterson
S. W. Robertson
S. J. Sametz
S. M. Stephens
A. H. Steventon
Les. C. Welsh

The number of ballots cast was 584 of which 577 were valid. (7 were spoiled.) The necessary quota to elect was 65. The following named brethren received the required quota or an equivalent: to elect

1. Fred H. Blythe
2, H. Coddingtan
3. S. Hart Green
4. K. R. Kennedy
5. W. J. McGregor
6. D. MacKay
7. G. A. McMorran
8. C. A. Midwinter

DSTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

First Masonic District the name of James Wardrope was the only one submitted in nomination.

Second Masonic District the name of Jas. Mathewson was the only one submitted in nomination.

Third Masonic District the name of Wm. Young was the only one submitted in nomination.

Fourth Masonic District the name of Murdo Maclean was the only one submitted in nomination.

Fifth Masonic District the name of Thomas W. Offen was the only one submitted in nomination.

Sixth Masonic District two names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

John Cuthill
Frank S. Guthrie

The number of ballots cast was 35 of which 34 were valid. (1 was spoiled.) The necessary quota to elect was 18. Bro. Cuthill received the necessary quota to elect.

Seventh Masonic District the name of J. C. Lundy was the only one submitted in nomination.

Eighth Masonic District the name of A. J. Sawatzky was the only one submitted in nomination.

Ninth Masonic District the name of Geo. W. Russenholt was the only one submitted in nomination.

Tenth Masonic District the name of R. W. Ross was the only one submitted in nomination.

Twelfth Masonic District the name of George P. Fairbairn was the only one submitted in nomination.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WM. DOUGLAS,
Chairman.

Presented by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4), who moved that the report be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. Hugh Mackenzie (140). Carried.

APPRECIATION

The following resolution of thanks and appreciation was adopted by Grand Lodge:

"To the Shrine Chanters, who rendered several numbers on Thursday evening, June 7th, under the direction of Bro. A. Gill." These were very much enjoyed by the brethren.

"To the music leadership of V.W. Bro. J. J. Lyon, the Grand Organist." We were pleased that he has regained his health and was able to carry out his duties.

"To the management and staff of the Royal Alexandra Hotel for the fine arrangements made for our Grand Lodge Sessions, and the kind attention and assistance we always receive."

"And last but not least, to all those who assisted in carrying out the Sessions and Meetings of Grand Lodge."

INSTALLATION CEREMONIES

Our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Samuel Burland (12), called on M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (140), to assume the gavel and install the Officers of Grand Lodge.

M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (140), called on R.W. Bro. C. R. Sayer (10), as Grand Director of Ceremonies, to assist him.

The following Grand Lodge Officers, Elected and Appointed, were duly installed in office, except the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Historian, Grand Librarian and Grand Organist, who were re-elected to their respective Grand Lodge Offices:

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS ELECTED AND APPOINTED FOR 1945-1946

Grand Master	**M.W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey (25)**	**Winnipeg**
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PRESENTATIONS

M.W. Bro. Samuel Burland, retiring Grand Master, presented M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey, Grand Master Elect, with a Grand Master's Collar, Jewel and Apron on behalf of Grand Lodge. M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey, in accepting the Regalia, expressed his thanks and appreciation for the gift, and to the members of Grand Lodge for the honor they had conferred on him in electing him to occupy the Grand East, and dedicated himself to the Service of the Craft.

M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey presented a Past Grand Master's Jewel to M.W. Bro. Samuel Burland, retiring Grand Master, on behalf of Grand Lodge, to which he replied in a very appropriate manner.

Most Worshipful Bro. Peter T. Pilkey, Grand Master Elect, thanked the Grand Installing Officer, M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (140) and the Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. C. R. Sayer (10), for the fine exemplification of the Installation Ceremony.

The newly installed Grand Master called on R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70), the new Junior Grand Warden, to address the brethren on behalf of the newly elected Grand Lodge Officers, and V.W. Bro. J. B. Day (122), new Junior Grand Deacon, to speak on behalf of the newly appointed Grand Lodge Officers.

R.W. Bro. A. J. Sawatzky (8), D.D.G.M. of the Eighth Masonic District, was called on to bring the greetings of the newly elected District Deputy Grand Masters.

True to form, and as was to be expected, these brethren responded to the request of the Grand Master, and assured him of their loyal support and assistance during the coming year.

A resolution of thanks to R.W. Bro. C. R. Sayer (10) for performing the duties of Grand Director of Ceremonies was moved by W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114), and carried.

CLOSING HYMN

"All Praise to Thee, my God, this Night."

The business of the Seventieth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Manitoba, having been completed, the Most Worshipful Grand Master closed it in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, at 11.25 p.m.

Fraternally submitted,

J.H.G. Russell

Grand Secretary.

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9th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. G.W.Russenholt(126)	Minitonas
10th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. R. W. Ross (151)	East Kildonan
12th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. G. P. Fairbairn (130)	Winnipeg

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

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R.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan (113), Deputy Grand Master .... Brandon

VICE-PRESIDENT

R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138) Senior Grand Warden .. St. Vital

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M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (10), Past Grand Master . Edmonton

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M.W. Bro. E. T. Greenway (71), Past Grand Master	Crystal City
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M.W. Bro. Justice W. J. Major (55), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
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M.W. Bro. Albert L. Crossin (10), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Jabez Miller (25), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. William Douglas (4), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. George Hunter (10), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Norman J. Black (3), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. David S. Woods (90), Past Grand Master	St. Vital
M.W. Bro. James Mackie (4), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Geo. N. Weir (No. 60 G.R.S.), Hon. P.G.M.	Victoria
M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt (130), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (4), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd (140), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Robert Hawkins (68), Past Grand Master	Dauphin
M.W. Bro. Wm. D. Lawrence (25), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson (102), Past Grand Master	Shoal Lake
M.W. Bro. Ven. Archdeacon G. R. Calvert (1), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Judge Stanley H. Fahrni (11), Past Grand Master	Portage la Prairie
M.W. Bro. Ben C. Parker (4), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Samuel Burland (12), Past Grand Master	St. Vital
M.W. Bro. Dr. Peter T. Pilkey (25), Grand Master	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70), Junior Grand Warden	Roland
R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3), Grand Treasurer	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell (114), Grand Secretary	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Rev. H. B. Wallace (6), Grand Chaplain	Emerson
R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes (3), G.D. of Ceremonies	Winnipeg
W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114), Honorary Member	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. T. A. Argue (55), Honorary Member	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr (113), Honorary Member	Brandon
R.W. Bro. Rev. C. E. Somerset (2), Honorary Member	Selkirk
R.W. Bro. Jas. Wardrope (127), D.D.G.M. 1st Mas. Dist,	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Jas. Mathewson (24), D.D.G.M. 2nd Mas. Dist.	Neepawa
R.W. Bro. Wm. J. Young (82), D.D.G.M. 3rd Mas. Dist.	Greenway
R.W. Bro. Murdo Maclean (13), D.D.G.M. 4th Mas. Dist.	Morden
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R.W. Bro. John Cuthill (104), D.D.G.M. 6th Mas. Dist.	Reston
R.W. Bro. J. C. Lundy (64), D.D.G.M. 7th Mas. Dist.	Alexander
R.W. Bro. A. J. Sawatzky (8), D.D.G.M. 8th Mas. District	Morris
R.W. Bro. G. W. Russenholt (126), D.D.G.M. 9th Masonic District	Minitonas
R.W. Bro. R. W. Ross (151), D.D.G.M. 10th Mas. Dist.	E. Kildonan
R.W. Bro. G. P. Fairbairn (130), D.D.G.M. 12th Masonic District	Winnipeg

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For a Two-Year Term

W. Bro. J. F. Irwin (24)	Neepawa
R.W. Bro. Harvey T. Waters (25)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Dr. O. S. Ross (43)	Virden
R.W. Bro. John C. Bate (50)	Killarney
W. Bro. Robt. E. Emmett (121)	St. James
R.W. Bro. David Griffith (138)	St. Vital
R.W. Bro. Hugh Mackenzie (140)	Winnipeg
W. Bro. A. E. Longstaffe (151)	Winnipeg

ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE IN 1945

For a Two-Year Term

R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy (4)	Winnipeg
W. Bro. W. J. McGregor (11)	Gladstone
R.W. Bro. G. A. McMorran (27)	Souris
W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe (93)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter (111)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Dave MacKay (140)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green (143)	Winnipeg

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The center name in the first line is Chairman of the Committee, 1945-46.

JURISPRUDENCE AND APPEALS

R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green

M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence
R.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy
R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter
W. Bro. A. E. Longstaffe

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence

M.W. Bro. S. Burland
M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt
M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas
M.W. Bro. Harry Woods
M.W. Bro. B. C. Parker
R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly
R.W. Bro. D. Griffith
R.W. Bro. H. A. Innes
W. Bro. A. E. Boyle

CONDITION OF FREEMASONRY

W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe

M.W. Bro. Geo. Hunter — R.W. Bro. J. C. Bate
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W. Bro. W. J. McGregor

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M.W. Bro. H. E. Bletcher — R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green
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GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni

M.W. Bro. G. R. Calvert — M.W. Bro. D. S. Woods

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

R.W. Bro. G. A. McMorran

R.W. Bro. J. C. Bate — R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter

W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe

FRATERNAL DEAD

M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson

R.W. Bro. O. S. Ross — R.W. Bro. D. MacKay

W. Bro. A. E. Boyle

CORRESPONDENCE

R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr

FINANCE

R.W. Bro. H. Coddington

M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt — R.W. Bro. H. A. Innes
R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess — W. Bro. A. E. Longstaffe

BENEVOLENCE

M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd

M.W. Bro. W. J. Major — M.W. Bro. Harry Woods
M.W. Bro. Geo. Hunter — M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas

R.W. Bro. H. Mackenzie

INVESTMENTS

M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt

M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd — R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess
M.W. Bro. W. J. Major — W. Bro. R. E. Emmett

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M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WAR EFFORT

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FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

It is my privilege to present the annual report on the condition of Freemasonry in the First Masonic District for the year 1944-5.

The manner in which the various Lodges are conducting their activities is generally satisfactory and the financial statements show gratifying results. One might almost assume that there was a spirit of friendly rivalry, or competition among the Lodges in providing interesting programmes for their meetings. Many of them continue to hold special functions such as Past Masters, Canadian Night, Manitoba Night, Military Night, Empire Night and Community Night. All of these help to maintain Lodge morale and for that reason alone, they are most commendable.

It is encouraging to note that the War Services Committees in the various Lodges have continued their fine record of achievement during the year. They have always borne in mind the great obligation we owe to our Brethren and to the Sons and Daughters on active service and have done their full part in contributing to the welfare and comfort of the brave men and women who are so far from their homes. The patriotic spirit and sense of appreciation have been further manifested by Memorial or Thanksgiving Services which are always impressive and most suitable.

The District Meeting on November 30, 1944, showed conclusively that the interest in the Craft was being well maintained. There was a very good attendance, in spite of the fact that many other important functions were being held on that date. It is scarcely necessary Most Worshipful Sir, to tell you again that your inspiring address was deeply appreciated. Another feature, introduced for the first time, was a panel discussion conducted by W. Bro. R. F. Argue, Master of Ionic Lodge No. 25, W. Bro. T. H. Rhodes, Master of King Edward Lodge No. 93 and W. Bro. J. F. T. Young, Past Master of "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114. All of them spoke frankly about Lodge problems and suggested practical solutions for them. Their submissions and the discussion which followed furnished material of real value to those of us whose concern is the steady advancement of the Craft in this Jurisdiction.

From the personal standpoint I must accord a prominent place in the year's activities to the satisfaction I derived from my official visits to the (11) Lodges in the District. As your representative I was received, of course, with the utmost enthusiasm and I am pleased to convey to you the assurances of loyalty and respect for yourself, expressed by all the Sitting Masters of the various Lodges. I noted a keen interest in the work of Grand Lodge and a desire to co-operate fully in every movement for promoting the welfare and usefulness of the Craft. I also made many unofficial visits, usually to witness the conferring of degrees. It is with genuine pride that I report a highly gratifying state of affairs with regard to this branch of our work.

The desire for Masonic knowledge and instruction seems to be increasing in most of the Lodges. Some of them, where study groups have been established, are making remarkable strides in imparting useful information, especially to new members, and this movement deserves every encouragement. A notable step forward has been taken by the Past Masters' Association of Greater Winnipeg, in instituting a Masonic Forum. Although only a few meetings of this group have been held, wide interest has been created, and new opportunities are being provided for research and instruction. Another feature of the forward movement has been the publication of the new Grand Lodge paper, "Masonry in Manitoba." The Brethren are gathering from this little journal a vast amount of useful information about the work of the Craft in our Jurisdiction and it is obvious that it is serving a real need.

One of the privileges which I have enjoyed has been that of membership on the Board of General Purposes, and its Committees on Masonic Research and Education and Condition of Freemasonry. This experience has given me a new appreciation of Grand Lodge and its many accomplishments. It was particularly gratifying to participate in the conference of District Deputy Grand Masters held at Winnipeg last Fall, when so many problems connected with our work were analyzed and discussed.

The experience of the past year has enabled me to form certain conclusions regarding the Lodges in the First Masonic District and I take the liberty of setting out some of these for your consideration.

"A" There is a steady increase in the number of petitions for initiation and for affiliation. Even an increase in number of suspended members who seek re-instatement is to be noted. On the surface this is desirable, but it may have also some unfavorable possibilities. Mere numbers in themselves, in an institution like ours, may be a sign of weakness instead of strength. There should be no definite relationship between Freemasonry and material prosperity and the only way to avoid potential danger is to make sure that our portals are guarded rigidly. Some consideration, I believe, should be given to the advisability of impressing all the Lodges with the real value of investigating committees. We must be sure that nothing is taken for granted and that every petitioner measures up to the standard, which is essential to the continued welfare of the Craft.

"B" There is a tendency in nearly every Lodge to crowd too much material into the programmes for a particular evening. The programmes provided have much to commend them, especially with regard to their educational and entertainment features. It is admitted on every hand, however, that most of the regular meetings are too long. The remedy may be difficult to apply, but it would be encouraging if the present Masters and their immediate successors would set themselves definitely against the continuation of the present situation.

"C" The success achieved by the War Services Committees in the various Lodges leads me to believe that an even greater field of usefulness is open to us in this connection, now that complete Victory in Europe has been attained. A closer alliance between these committees and the War Services Committee of Grand Lodge should be established to deal with the vast problems of reconstruction. Hundreds of our gallant members will be returning within the next few months and we should do our full duty by them. While it is not feasible to set out in detail now what may be done, we must admit there is much to be done. The problem needs only to be stated in order to be fully understood.

"D" Further assistance and encouragement should be given to Study Groups, Masonic Forum and all other organizations of the same type, in order to increase the volume of knowledge available to the Brethren as a whole. Too much praise cannot be given to M. W. Bro. Harry Woods, Librarian, for his outstanding labors in connection with the Grand Lodge Library. It is, in my opinion, unfortunate that so few of our members take advantage of the opportunities provided so generously by M. W. Bro. Woods.

"E" The problems facing every Lodge in the District are so similar that these should be considered in detail at conferences of Masters from time to time. I would suggest that one of these conferences be held late in August and that the Senior Wardens should be invited to attend and participate. Another conference of Masters should be held in February and at this meeting the immediate Past Masters should be invited to participate.

"F" So much benefit accrued from the conference of District Deputy Grand Masters in November, 1944, that I am of the opinion this conference should be repeated every year.

In conclusion, permit me to make the following acknowledgments:

To the Brethren of the First Masonic District, for the kindness and goodwill they manifested by choosing me as your representative for the year.

To yourself, Most Worshipful Sir, for the compliment you paid me by confirming that choice and for the assistance and support which you gave to me so freely. The privilege of intimate association with yourself as Grand Master will long remain one of my happy memories.

To the District Officers: W. Bro. T. C. Jackson, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, as Secretary; V. W. Bro. W. P. White, St. John's Lodge No. 4, as Treasurer, and W. Bro. O. W. Crowther, Empire Lodge No. 127, as Chaplain. All these Brethren gave of their best to promote the welfare of the Craft in general and of the District in particular during the year. To them I tender my most sincere thanks and gratitude.

To R. W. Bro. F. N. Baxter, King Edward Lodge No. 93, Immediate Past District Deputy Grand Master, who accompanied me on many of my visits and who was untiring in his efforts to assist me, I also express my most sincere thanks. The same sentiment applies to our good friend W. Bro. A. E. Boyle, whose loyalty and support was most encouraging during the year.

Fraternally submitted,

H. A. INNES,
D.D.G.M., First Masonic District.

May 12th, 1945.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

It is my privilege and pleasure as your representative, to present the Official Report of the Second Masonic District for the past year. I was favored with the assistance of W. Bro. B. Angus, as District Secretary, and R.W. Bro. Wm. Cairns of Temple Lodge (MacGregor) as District Chaplain.

The dates of my official visits to the Lodges of the District were:

Carberry No. 29	August, 1st, 1944
Union (Brookdale) No. 108	August, 3rd, 1944
Temple (MacGregor) No. 49	September 19th 1944
St. Andrews (Wellwood) No. 116	October, 2nd, 1944
Gladstone No. 11	October 9th, 1944
Gothic (Austin) No. 75	October 11th, 1944
Assiniboine (Portage la Prairie) No. 7	October 16th, 1944
Neepawa, No. 24	November 14th, 1944
McCreary No. 133	April 12th, 1945

Due to present day conditions and much to my regret, it was not possible for me to make a second visit to any of the Lodges. On all of these visits I was received very cordially with the respect and courtesy due your representative.

The District Meeting was held in McCreary on Friday, November 3rd, but due to adverse weather conditions, the attendance was somewhat restricted. However, every Lodge in the District was represented and the afternoon session was entirely taken up with business and routine matters pertaining to Masonry in District No. 2 and the furthering of Masonic interest in Manitoba, and some most helpful and instructive ideas and suggestions were made by our Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Bro. S. Burland, and R. W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan, Senior Grand Warden. After a splendid banquet the District Meeting resumed labor and the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master and his suite were received with Grand Honors and expressions of loyalty and esteem on the part of the Brethren of the District. The Address given by you, Most Worshipful Sir, on that occasion was of outstanding significance; no Mason present could have failed to be helped and inspired to greater effort and work in the days that lie ahead.

I witnessed the work of conferring degrees in all Lodges, with the exception of two, St. Andrews (Welwood) and Gladstone. At the latter point, however, a most interesting and instructive discussion was carried out upon the Declaration of Principles and I would suggest that other Lodges might adopt this idea on a night when they have no degree work. They will find it both profitable and helpful. I wish to make special mention of my Official Visit to Temple Lodge (MacGregor) and Carberry Lodge. At the former, the second degree was conferred and the charge in this degree was given in a most impressive manner by R. Wor. Bro. Wm. Cairns. This esteemed and loved Brother is over 91 years of age. At Carberry, the second and third degrees were conferred in excellent manner, some of the work being done by members of the R.A.F. then stationed at that point. Their work was vastly different in parts to ours, but it was perfect and most impressively exemplified.

I also wish to point out the excellent work being done by Neepawa and Assiniboine Lodges in allowing their premises to be used free of charge for the Blood Donor Clinics.

In comparing the statistical report for the year 1944 with 1943, it is pleasing to note an increase of 128 in our membership.

On my visits I endeavored to stress the fact of present day conditions and the problems that we are facing and will have to face in the re-adjustment period and the wonderful opportunity for Masonry to play its part in this work and that the responsibility rested, not on any one Lodge, but on every individual Mason to assume and fulfil to the honor of the Most High, to Masonry throughout the world, and to himself.

In closing, I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Brethren of the Second Masonic District for the confidence they placed in me in electing me as their D.D.G.M. I hope I have merited that confidence. May I also express my heartfelt thanks to the Brethren who accompanied me on my official visits.

Fraternally submitted,

T. E. SQUIRE,
D.D.G.M., Second Masonic District.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit to you for your approval my report as D.D.G.M. for the Third Masonic District for the year 1944-45.

I had for District Secretary R.W. Bro. W. M. Dagg, and W. Bro. A. Sundell as Chaplain, and with your approval we held our District Meeting at Holland on Friday, July 28th, at which there were 132 present.

With us at our meeting were the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Sam Burland; Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey; Grand Junior Warden R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly; M.W. Bros. Wm. Douglas and Harry Woods; Grand Director of Ceremonies R. W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman and W. Bro. Fred Blythe. Greetings were also extended to us in the persons of R.W. Bro. Les Welsh, D.D.G.M. of the Eighth Masonic District, and R.W. Bro. F. B. Lynes, D.D.G.M. of the Fourth Masonic District.

I made my official visit to the various Lodges as follows:

October 5, 1944	Cypress No. 82
October 10, 1944	Glenboro No. 48
October 25, 1944	Swan Lake No. 109
October 27, 1944	Treherne No. 51
October 30, 1944	Wawanesa No. 67
November 2, 1944	Crescent No. 103
November 28, 1944	Strathcona No. 117
December 26, 1944	Rathwell No. 87
February 14, 1945	Holland No. 63

Due to the length of the District I decided to have Divine Services at Glenboro and Rathwell. The former, held on Sunday, September 24th, was very well attended, there being over 70 Brethren present. Wawanesa deserving special mention, all but two resident members being present. W. Bro. W. R. Donagh, of Glenboro United Church, conducted the service. However, we were not so fortunate at Rathwell, as Bro. Newcombe, of Treherne Lodge No. 51, who was to conduct the service, was called away, due to the passing away of his father, and for that reason the service was cancelled.

Masonry in the District is in a very healthy state and progressing favorably, both in the spirit of their Lodges and also in new members. This, no doubt, is due to the type of Brethren who are holding office, but it is my one regret that there is not more visiting between the different Lodges.

I wish to thank all the Brethren of the Third Masonic District for the courtesy and brotherly love they have shown me, and it is with pleasure that I will remember this year as your District Deputy Grand Master.

The present is very bright for Masonry, but the future appears even brighter now that the war in Europe is over, and Masonry can once again be practised in the lives of men over there.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY ZACHARY,
D.D.G.M., Third Masonic District.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

As your representative in this District for the year 1944, it is gratifying to report a year showing considerable progress, the Lodges operating harmoniously, with increased membership.

Rev. Bro. Harry Kay and W. Bro. R. R. Livesley, of Crystal City, were appointed respectively District Chaplain and District Secretary, both carrying out their duties in a most capable and outstanding manner. They accompanied me on all official visits, and Bro. Kay contributed materially to these meetings by giving an interesting and informative address on the Responsibility of Freemasonry toward returned men in the post-war period.

In the performance of my duties I had the pleasure of visiting officially all of the seven Lodges in the District, and of making several fraternal visits to most of them. The official visits were made on the following dates: Doric No. 36, Boissevain, October 24; Killarney No. 50, November 20; Manitou No. 30, November 7; Cartwright No. 150, November 21; Morden No. 13, December 21; Pilot Mound No. 118, January 25, and Crystal City No. 71, April 10. On these occasions I was received most loyally, and my address received very cordialy. The Brethren of Crystal Lodge, being anxious to visit, availed themselves of the opportunity by accompanying me to the extent of a full car load on every visit.

During the year I had the privilege of witnessing the various degrees exemplified in most of the Lodges, finding the work done in a dignified and capable manner. It was also noticeable that the candidates were well-trained, and in nearly every case it was evident from their earnestness that they had a sincere desire for knowledge. It was apparent in these Lodges that there was a growing desire to encourage and hold the new members' enthusiasm; to this end plans are going forward to impart further resumes of the work, as well as to impress on each member that it is necessary to put in something to get something out.

It was my privilege to attend most of the meetings of the Board of General Purposes, and to report to the District anything of particular interest.

The matter of a spring District Meeting, which we were instructed to hold just prior to Grand Lodge, received considerable attention, and as the proposed date is May 17, final information regarding this innovation will be appended later.

The Lodges of this District are, generally speaking, active in community and war work, the members individually being most zealous in all worth-while projects. They, either as Lodges or by co-operating with other organizations, are active in promoting the sending of comforts overseas and in organizing blood clinics. The Victory Loans have been supported by all Lodges with surplus funds, while most of our Lodges contributed to the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund.

In most Lodges there was considerable work on hand, including conferring of degrees, many finding it necessary to hold extra meetings. A number of fine young men became members; particularly noticeable were some desirable older men, who in all instances were equally enthusiastic. Visiting by most of the Lodges has been drastically curtailed, due to rationing. During the year some Emergent Meetings were held to attend funerals of departed Brethren; I wish to record in particular the passing of the late Past District Deputy Grand Master, Dr. T. R. Corbett, of Crystal Lodge No. 71. A large number of Masons from this District attended, giving evidence of the high esteem in which he was held.

On February 13, R. W. Bro. D. W. Elves, of Sarles, North Dakota, was presented with an engraved Past Master's Jewel by Crystal Lodge. At the same time he was made an Honorary Past Master of the Lodge. As R.W. Bro. Elves was well known throughout the District, I felt that this occasion should be recorded in this report.

The District Meeting at Crystal City, in spite of slightly decreased attendance, was highly successful. The presence of yourself, Most Worshipful Sir, together with other Grand Lodge Officers and visitors, was a source of great inspiration.

In concluding, I wish to express thanks to W. Bro. R. Livesley for his capable and efficient work as Secretary; to Bro. H. Kay for his splendid contribution in his capacity of District Chaplain; to all Lodges in District Number Four for their generous support and co-operation, and to all the Brethren for their kindness in affording me the honor and privilege of acting as your representative.

Fraternally yours,

F. B. LYNES,
D.D.G.M., Fourth Masonic District.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Freemasonry in the Fifth Masonic District for the year 1944.

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Miniota, on Thursday, August 24, 1944, with seventy-one Masons present. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Sam Burland, was present, and was accompanied by R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, Deputy Grand Master; R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan, Senior Grand Warden; R.W. Bro. H. P. Donnelly, Junior Grand Warden, and R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell, Grand Secretary. The Most Worshipful Grand Master addressed the meeting on the work of the Grand Lodge, and concluded his address with a very fine presentation on "Tolerance". Addresses were also given by the visiting Grand Lodge Officers.

During the year I visited all the Lodges in the Fifth Masonic District, twelve in number, and the attendance, not only of the Officers, but of the members of the Lodges, was very satisfactory. During these visits I witnessed the conferring of twelve degrees, eight in the Fellowcraft Degree and four in the Master Mason Degree, and these degrees were conferred by the Officers in a satisfactory manner. The fact that so many degrees were conferred during the year is an indication that there is a renewed interest in the work of the Masonic Order, and I am looking forward to an increased membership in most of the Lodges in this District when the war is finally brought to a successful conclusion. In a few cases I found that the Lodges were undertaking to confer too many degrees in one night, and I am glad to note that a recent communication from Grand Lodge to the subordinate Lodges is calling attention to this fact.

The average attendance at Lodge meetings for the whole District is 53 per cent., and this should be improved on.

Since my official visit I have had the pleasure of again visiting four Lodges, and at the Shoal Lake meeting the mortgage on the Lodge building was burned.

The Lodges in this District are in excellent shape financially, and eight of the twelve Lodges own their own buildings.

During the year Shellmouth Lodge No. 129 surrendered its charter, as it had insufficient members to carry on.

There is every indication that the condition of the Lodges in this District will improve in the next few years.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. D. BERWICK,
D.D.G.M., Fifth Masonic District.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

As your representative in the Sixth Masonic District in the office of District Deputy Grand Master, I have the honour and pleasure in reporting on the condition of Masonry, and my activities during the past year. It has been a great pleasure to act as your representative, and I trust that my efforts have been carried out in a way that has been for the benefit of Masonry, and the Brethren of this District in particular.

I appointed as my District Secretary Bro. I. Lloyd Cosgrove, and as District Chaplain, Rev. Bro. Harry Dodds. During my year of office I have visited officially all the Lodges in the District once.

October 9th, 1944	Kilwinning No. 110
October 12th, 1944	Reston No. 104
October 18th, 1944	Deloraine No. 40
October 27th, 1944	Glenwood No. 27
November 2nd, 1944—District meeting at Napinka.	
November 7th, 1944	Hartney No. 52
November 9th, 1944	Napinka No. 77
November 14th, 1944	Elgin No. 86
November 20th, 1944	Oriental No. 54

Unofficial visits:

June 21st, 1944—Deloraine No. 40.
July 13th, 1944—Reston No. 104 and April 13th, 1945.
July 16th, 1944—Oriental No. 54 and November 13th, 1944, and May 21st, 1945.
July 23rd, 1944—International Divine Service at Lake Metigoshe, U.S.A.
August 1st, 1944—Hartney No. 52 and May 1st, 1945.
August 8th, 1944—Elgin No. 86.
October 28th, 1944—North West Mounted Police Lodge, 50th Anniversary, at Regina, Sask.
November 17th, 1944—Special Meeting of the D.D.G.M.'s and meeting of the Board of General Purpose Committee in the Masonic Temple, Winnipeg.
March 3rd, 1945—Glenwood No. 27, and the Area Meeting on May 25th, 1945, at Glenwood No. 27.
April 1st, 1945—Kilwinning No. 110.
April 29th, 1945—Lebanon No. 43, Divine Service of District No. 7.
May 6th, 1945—Divine Service of District No. 6 at Napinka.
One Masonic funeral at Hartney No. 52, and one at Oriental No. 54.

In all the Lodges I witnessed degrees conferred by the Worshipful Masters and Officers, in a manner that must have made a lasting impression on the candidates. I would like to commend the manner in which the candidates are instructed, and examined, before being advanced.

I would say that the work through the whole District was conducted efficiently and well, and perfect harmony prevails.

It was my endeavour to try and impress upon the members the necessity of Masonic study, and its interpretation to our everyday life.

Each Lodge has its Study Club, but this has been somewhat neglected owing to having so much degree work to do. Most Lodges take advantage of the Masonic Library.

There has been so many Masonic highlights that space will not permit me to report them all.

The District Meeting, held at Napinka, was well attended, and a very profitable afternoon and evening for the Craft was spent.

On that occasion, as we were favoured by your presence, it is unnecessary to report on it. I would again take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful address you gave us at that meeting.

The Area Meeting, held at Glenwood, was well attended by Districts No. Six and Seven. It was a real educational meeting for the Craft, and I do hope and trust that they will be continued in the future.

I had the pleasure to make several visits outside of the District.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful Sir, may I express to you and to the Brethren of District No. Six my sincere thanks for the great honour of having served as District Deputy Grand Master for the year 1944-45, and to the Worshipful Masters and Secretaries for their real co-operation, and to the Lodges for their warm welcome on all my visits. I also wish to thank the District Secretary, Bro. I. Lloyd Cosgrove, and the District Chaplain, Rev. Bro. Harry Dodds, and the Brethren of Napinka Lodge No. 77, especially R.W. Bro. James Burnett, who accompanied me on almost all my visits.

I have tried to do my work to the best of my ability, and although my very pleasant year of office is over I do hope to be able to serve District No. Six in the future.

Fraternally submitted,

T. A. TAYLOR,
D.D.G.M., Sixth Masonic District.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honour to submit for your consideration and approval my report as your representative for the Seventh Masonic District for the year 1944-1945.

At the last Grand Lodge session we received a great inspiration and entered upon our year of Masonic work under your guidance and direction with zeal and enthusiasm. In a world still darkened by the clouds of war we found comfort and companionship among our brethren and great opportunities for service. How well we have acquitted ourselves of those opportunities and discharged our duties to our respective Lodges and to our communities is now on the record. I am pleased to report progress in the material, and what is more important, in the spiritual and fraternal aspects, for District No. 7. We mourn the death of a considerable number of our brethren, yet our new additions by initiation and affiliation make a net increase as at December 31, 1944, of 23, and many more brethren have been received into our order since the last statistical return. This material increase in numbers reflects the renewed interest in Craft Masonry in this District.

District Meeting:

Our District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple at Brandon, on Tuesday, August 22, 1944. In addition to the notice from their own Lodge I sent a personal letter to every resident member of all the Lodges in the District urging their attendance. Due to harvesting crop, many brethren were unable to attend the afternoon session but the banquet and evening meeting were well attended. The Register shows 97 members, 27 visitors, total 124. Due to a very important business conference in the United States I was unable to preside. R. W. Bro. M. S. Donovan conducted the meeting on my behalf and a fine programme was enjoyed. Grand Lodge officers in attendance were: M.W. Grand Master, S. Burland; Senior Grand Warden, M. S. Donovan; Junior Grand Warden, H. B. Donnelly; J. H. G. Russell, Grand Secretary; Past Grand Master, Wm. Douglas. District No. 5 was represented by R. W. Bro. W. D. Berwick, D.D.G.M., and District No. 6 by R. W. Bro. A. K. Cates, Past D.D.G.M.

Your address was most inspiring and in my contacts throughout the year I received many favorable comments on its fine subject matter. The item "Information Please" was productive of some very valuable discussion and M. W. Bro. Douglas and R. W. Bro. Donnelly made fine contributions to the programme.

Concensus of opinion of the brethren of this District is that summer months are not an appropriate time for District Meetings in this District and a resolution was passed that the District Meeting next year be held later in the fall.

Official Visitations:

I am happy to report that I officially visited all the Lodges in this District on dates as follows, and the welcome I received on each occasion as your representative was proof of their high regard for you personally and their approval of your untiring efforts and high ideals in the cause of Freemasonry.

Dates of Official Visits:

Elkhorn No. 74	October 23, 1944
Tweed No. 113	December 19, 1944
Lansdowne No. 107	December 27, 1944
Oak Lake No. 44	May 10, 1945
Lebanon No. 43	November 7, 1944
Composite No. 64	December 21, 1944
Brandon No. 19	March 13, 1945

All of the Lodges in the District have been active in conferring degrees and the work as witnessed by me was very satisfactory and, in the majority of cases, of a very high order. I would like to pay tribute to the splendid work and interest of Past Masters of the various Lodges who continue faithfully in assisting the Masters and Wardens in the conferring of degrees.

Harmony prevails in all Lodges and a fine feeling of brotherhood seems to be very much in evidence. In all cases I found members of the Craft to be leaders in their communities and actively engaged in supporting the war effort in every way and interested in the work of rehabilitation in the post war period.

On all of my visits I was accompanied by several brethren of Brandon No. 19 and Tweed No. 113 and their presence assisted very greatly to create interest and enthusiasm. I delivered an address on each occasion and during the refreshment hour members of my party made very outstanding contributions to the various programmes. I would like to make special reference in this regard to the following distinguished brethren: R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan, Sr. Grand Warden; R.W. Bro. Dr. J. R. C. Evans, President Brandon College, Past D.D.G.M.; R. W. Bro. J. R. Reid, Principal Brandon Collegiate, Past D.D.G.M.; R. W. Bro. J. U. Johnson, Past D.D.G.M.; R. W. Bro. H, M. Kerr, Past D.D.G.M.

Installations:

I also acted as Installing Master and conducted installation ceremonies for the following Lodges: Brandon No. 19; Tweed No. 113; Composite No. 64; Lansdowne No. 107. I was ably assisted on each of these several occasions by some one or two of the following: R. W. Bros. Donovan, Evans, Reid and Purdie and W. Bro. Walton.

I attended the Conference of D.D.G. Masters which was held in Winnipeg on November 17, 1944. This meeting was a real inspiration to us all and I am sure we returned to our respective Districts with a keener interest and greater determination to discharge our duties and responsibilities to our respective Districts.

District Divine Services:

During the year two very outstanding District Divine Services were held, the first on Sunday, November 19, 1944, at 7 p.m., in the First Presbyterian Church at Brandon. This took the form of a Memorial Service to honour the memory of M. W. Bro. Wm. Fenwick, Past Grand Master, whose death occurred on May 15th, 1944. A very appropriate sermon was delivered by Dr. K. M. Glazier, pastor of the Church, a copy of which I sent to you. I subsequently was advised that a copy suitably bound was handed to M. W. Bro. Harry Woods for the Library.

The Second District Divine Service was held at Virden on Sunday, April 29, 1945, at 7 p.m. in the United Church. R. W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey, Deputy Grand Master, conducted the Service and delivered a very inspiring sermon. At his request I read the Scripture Lesson.

Both of these Services were well attended by the brethren of the District and were so arranged in separate parts of the District to enable all members of the Craft to easily attend one or the other. The large attendance at these Divine Services shows the increasing interest of the brethren in the spiritual aspect of Freemasonry.

I would like to place on record the hearty approval of the brethren of this District to the publication "Masonry in Manitoba". Each issue has been well received and we hope for its continuance in the future.

I also had the privilege of accompanying you and other Grand Lodge officers on the occasion of the District Meeting of the Sixth Masonic District in Napinka, Thursday, November 2, 1944. We were made most welcome by R. W. Bro. Taylor, D.D.G.M., and his meeting was a great success.

Another highlight of the year was the Regional or Area Meeting for the brethren of the 6th and 7th Masonic Districts recently held on Friday, May 25, at Souris with a very large attendance from our 7th District. The meeting was most interesting and instructive and your address, Most Worshipful Sir, and the address of R. W. Bro. Pilkey, will long be remembered. The discussions on the proposed amendments to the Constitution were most timely.

I would like to express my thanks to W. Bro. F. C. Courtice, District Secretary, and W. Bro. R. H. Cross, District Chaplain, for their very efficient services and able assistance throughout the entire year. I would like to thank the brethren of the District for the honour bestowed upon me and the privilege to thank them for their great kindness and sympathy during my recent bereavement.

In general, I am glad to report an increasing interest in the work of the Craft. The war has seemed to bring home to us a greater need of "brotherhood among men." I believe it is greatly in evidence in this Seventh Masonic District.

Fraternally submitted,

W. A. PRUGH,
D.D.G.M., Seventh Masonic District.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honour to submit for your consideration and approval my report as D.D.G.M. for the Eighth Masonic District during the past year.

I wish to assure you that it has been a pleasure and a privilege to represent you during the year but it is only when I review the work done during the year that I realize that there is a great deal left undone. I have enjoyed the work and feel that my own life has been deeply enriched by the many fine friendships established. As your representative I was always accorded a reception befitting to your high office.

During the year there were four occasions on which the brethren of the District met. The first event was the Dedication of the Masonic Hall at Gretna, owned and used by the members of East Star Lodge No. 55 and this was held on the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of the Lodge. The dedication service was conducted by yourself, Most Worshipful Sir, assisted by other Grand Lodge Officers. The Lodges of the District were well represented at this meeting and there were many brethren in attendance from Lodges in North Dakota.

The District Church Service was held at Morris, on September 17th. As R.W. Bro. Wallace, Grand Chaplain, was ill, the service was conducted and the sermon preached by Bro. Rev. Douglas Sparling, a member of King Solomon Lodge. This service was well attended.

The District Meeting was held at Sperling on September 29th and was, I feel, an outstanding success. Seventeen Grand Lodge Officers were in attendance and in all twenty-nine different Lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction were represented. In the afternoon R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman, chairman of the committee on research and education, spoke on the work of this committee and of its future plans.

His address was followed by a most interesting and instructive question and answer period conducted by M. W. Bro. Douglas and M. W. Bro. Harry Woods. The banquet was attended by about 120 brethren. In the evening you were received in proper form and you then favored the gathering with a most inspiring address. M.W. Bro. George Hunter presented R.W. Bro. Keyes with the P.D.D.G.M. apron in a most befitting manner.

On May 8th a Regional Meeting was held at Morris with nearly all the Grand Lodge Officers in attendance. In spite of very bad road conditions about 120 attended including a goodly number of brethren from the Grand Lodge of North Dakota. The highlights of the evening were your address and "A Lodge of Instruction" conducted by M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt and M.W. Bro. Harry Woods. There have been so many favorable comments on this meeting that I do not hesitate to recommend more of them.

At the banquet hour R.W. Bro. Pilkey gave a most inspiring address and the toast to the visitors was responded to by M.W. Bro. Harry Gill, Past Grand Master of the G. L. of North Dakota; by R.W. Bro. Leon Pettit, D.D.G.M. of the First Masonic District in North Dakota; and by R.W. Bro. Thomson, Junior Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

Official visits were made as follows:

Sprague No. 132	October 11th, 1944
Midlothian No. 90	October 16th, 1944
Penza No. 120	October 24th, 1944
Shiloh No. 70	November 9th, 1944
King Solomon No. 8	November 14th, 1944
Carman No. 155	November 21st, 1944
Emerson No. 6	November 23rd, 1944
East Star No. 55	November 24th, 1944
Patricia No. 125	April 4th, 1945

In addition to the official visits I have visited several of the Lodges on other occasions and hope to visit more before my term of office expires.

I have witnessed degree work in all Lodges but Penza and Sprague. Penza Lodge is the only one which has not had candidates during the year. Most of the Lodges have been busy with degree work and in most Lodges the work is well done. Some of the Lodges should spend more time in preparation and thereby make a better impression on the candidates.

I have made many trips to East Star Lodge No. 55 and am happy to report an improvement in the Lodge. Thanks and deep appreciation for services rendered are due the brethren of Emerson Lodge, King Solomon Lodge and R.W. Bro. Keyes for their help at East Star Lodge. Although the Lodge has had three new members during the year outside help and close attention of the District Deputy will be needed for some time. W. Bro. McQuarrie seems to be working hard, but it is going to take time and close supervision to get this Lodge back on its Masonic feet.

Although Masonry has made real progress in the District during the year it has also had its sad losses. Several brethren have been called to the Grand Lodge above and will be sadly missed by the brethren. Of those whose passing has been noted I must make special reference to the death of R.W. Bro. Norman McDougall who was known as the "'Grand Old Man of Freemasonry" in Emerson Lodge. He lived Freemasonry, was active, was beloved by all who knew him, and had made a real contribution to Freemasonry in the District. M.W. Bro. Harry Woods, M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey and R.W. Bro. H. B. Wallace officiated at the funeral service.

I wish to thank the brethren of the District for their kind reception at all times and for their readiness in assisting me in any work and especially do I wish to thank W. Bro. Paul Jeske, who has been my District Secretary, and W. Bro. George

Wallace for his kindness in arranging transportation on so many occasions.

Sir, this has been a year in which my Masonic education has been greatly improved. My personal gain has been much greater than any contribution I have been able to make but I do hope that in the years that lie ahead I may be enabled to make further contributions to the District in particular and Freemasonry generally. I do wish to thank you for your assistance and advice in so many matters and for the privilege of visiting so many Lodges in the city with you when you were visiting them officially. It is a year that I will never forget.

Respectfully submitted,

LES. C. WELSH,
D.D.G.M., Eighth Masonic District.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor of submitting to you my report as your representative of the Ninth Masonic District for the year 1944-1945.

Although I entered upon the duties with a certain amount of apprehension based upon a sense of responsibility to you I was soon put at ease by the friendly greetings and encouragement given by members throughout the District. This made my work pleasant and I hope in some measure of value to the District.

The District Meeting was held at Roblin, August 17th, and was well attended, 106 members were present. When you take into consideration the distance many of the brethren had to travel, 100 miles to attend this meeting, and all Lodges were represented, you can rest assured as to the spirit of Freemasonry in this District.

The afternoon was devoted to receiving reports from Secretaries of all Lodges.

R. W. Bro. Rev. P. T. Pilkey, D.G.M., gave a splendid and interesting address upon the significance of Freemasonry which was greatly appreciated by all.

I wish to point out the spirit of Freemasonry which existed at this meeting. A few days previous to this meeting a Sister Lodge at Kamsack under the G. L. of Saskatchewan, received a severe loss on account of a terrific wind storm. The subject arose how best we could come to their assistance. $106.00 was collected and forwarded to Kamsack Lodge next day, this was the first contribution received by Kamsack Lodge and was only a seed planted. I am happy to state that they now have a splendid building.

The Lodge called off at 6 p.m. and repaired to the United Church where the ladies had prepared a banquet for the members of this meeting.

The Evening Session was opened with the reception of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Samuel Burland; Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey, and Grand Secretary R. W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell.

The Grand Master delivered a very inspiring address which was appreciated by everyone present. R. W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey gave several talks on Freemasonry which was also greatly appreciated. R. W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey then presented R. W. Bro. J. Livesey with the D.D.G.M. Apron. R. W. Bro. Livesey responded very fittingly in his usual sincere manner.

My Official Visits were made as follows:

August 10, 1944	Jubilee No. 147, Bowsman
September 7, 1944	Prince Arthur No. 105, Swan River
September 21, 1944	Hiram No. 94, Grandview
October 3, 1944	Favel No. 126, Minitonas
October 11, 1944	Robbie Burns No. 100, Gilbert Plains
October 18, 1944	Victory No. 128, Benito
November 7, 1944	Vermillion No. 68, Dauphin
December 11, 1944	Roblin No. 122, Roblin

In all Lodges I found healthy activity in community work, all doing their part in war committee work and looking after the Brothers serving in the Armed Forces, sending parcels and corresponding with said Brothers.

I found all Lodges in good financial condition and investing to the limit in War Bonds.

It was my privilege to witness degree work in all Lodges except two, I must report the officers were well skilled and conscientious in their work.

A wonderful spirit of Freemasonry exists throughout the District, no sign of discord is to be found. All Lodges are visiting each other more than in the past, this is not only a good sign of Brotherhood but it is educating for the new members. I also notice all Lodges have received many new members and have been kept busy with degree work during the past year.

In conclusion I wish to pay special tribute to R. W. Bro. I. L. Mitchell, my Secretary, also W. Bro. Day, Chaplain, who were with me on my visits.

And now I wish to express to the brethren of the Ninth Masonic District deep gratitude for the honor they have conferred upon me as their D.D.G.M. I wish to assure both you and them that it has been a pleasure to serve in that capacity during the year and to have received the fullest support and co-operation.

Fraternally submitted,

F. STARR,

D.D.G.M., Ninth Masonic District.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

It is indeed a pleasant duty to submit herewith for your consideration, and I hope approval, my report as your Deputy for this District for the year 1944-45. I regret, indeed, that owing to the various restrictions on travel and the fact that Pine Falls is quite isolated from the rest of the District, I was only able to pay one official visit to each of the Lodges. These were as follows:

September 19th	Lisgar No. 2
October 4th	Stony Mountain No. 134
October 6th	Transcona No. 123
October 13th	Pine Falls No. 154
November 3rd	Ophir No. 112
October 3rd	The Dormer No. 151
October 5th	Stonewall No. 12
October 10th	Kildonan No. 131
October 17th	Manitouwapa No. 156
November 10th	Seven Oaks No. 148

The total attendance at above meetings was made up of 241 members and 175 visitors, and on each official visit your representative was accorded a proper and enthusiastic reception. Rather than attempt to address these meetings on a subject such as "brotherly love" or some other Masonic virtue, I tried to reach the ear of the ordinary member by a plain talk for which I chose as a subject "Our Enemies."

Degree work was witnessed in all but four visits but in these latter the evenings were quite full, in one case with installation of officers (by M. W. Bro. Harry Woods) and another by an "Old Timers' Night," etc.

The District Meeting was held at Pine Falls on September 22nd and was very well attended, particularly the evening session at which 78 were present. I will not enumerate the details of the proceedings as this information has been forwarded to Grand Lodge by the District Secretary. However, I would be remiss in my duties did I not express my gratitude and appreciation to all those who helped to make the evening a success, in many cases at the inconvenience of travelling long distances, to M. W. Bro. Harry Woods for his skillful handling of the "Quiz Period," to R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman for his excellent address on "The Significance of Freemasonry," to M.W. Bro. Ben Parker for his well chosen remarks in presenting the P.D.D.G.M. regalia, and to yourself, M. W. Sir, for your able address which was the high light of the evening session. I wish also, on behalf of the District to thank Pine Falls Lodge for their contribution. particularly towards the banquet. To the wives of the members of Pine Falls Lodge (who in the absence of other catering facilities arranged an excellent banquet at which 92 were present) we owe a debt of gratitude. The refreshment hour was made lively by remarks from M. W. Bro. Geo. Hunter, M. W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, R. W. Bro. Geo. Miles, R. W. Bro. L. Taylor, W. Bro. E. Tanner, R. W. Bro. Bob Muckle, Mrs. Roxie Robertson, R. W. Bro. Peter Pilkey and Bro. C. C. Irvine. Although, I have forwarded to Grand Lodge a complete report on the condition of the Lodges in the District, also detailed reports on Forms 20 and 21, I would mention the following items of interest: Amount expended directly by Lodges for benevolence was $640.06. In only three Lodges was the current income sufficient to pay current operating expenses, the other seven Lodges found it necessary to draw on receipts from initiation fees to make up the operating deficit. There were 49 initiations, seven re-instatements, six suspensions N.P.D., and, I regret to report, 16 deaths. All Lodges are in a sound position financially.

There would seem to be a tendency on the part of some Lodges to prolong their meetings until too late an hour. In some cases on account of work in hand, this is not easy to avoid. However, many members like to be on their way home by at least 11.00 p.m. but do not like leaving before the rest of the brethren, and, I suggest that it is not conducive to good attendance, particularly when "Happy to Part" is prolonged until midnight or even later.

While the degree work witnessed was on the whole very well done, some of the country Lodges would welcome, and benefit by a "Lodge of Instruction". Effort expended in this direction would appear to be of more direct benefit in some instances than would the organization of study clubs.

Lodges in and around Winnipeg are to be envied their opportunity for exchange of visits. It is hoped that in the near future the various war restrictions which to some extent prevent outlying Lodges from sharing in these benefits, will be removed.

Ophir Lodge is now free from encumbrance and it was my privilege to be present at the ceremony of the burning of the mortgage on October 27th.

It was with some diffidence that I undertook the responsibility of representing you in the Tenth Masonic District, a diffidence which I now find was well founded. Had I had previously even one half of the education and experience which I have derived from the past year of service, I feel that I could have made a much better job of it.

I would, therefore, seriously suggest that some provision should be devised whereby your D.D.G.M. would be elected one year in advance. The idea being that he would have gained some experience by assisting the D.D.G.M. in any way requested, and that at least some Lodges would be assured of a second official visit which might be devoted to instruction. At the end of the first year the Grand Master would of course confirm or otherwise dispose of the election.

May I take this opportunity of thanking the District Chaplin, W. Bro. J. O. Jones of Ophir, and the District Secretary W. Bro. Wm. Bird of Pine Falls, for their able and willing assistance, particularly the latter, who accompanied me on many of my official visits. The office of District Secretary entails considerable work and is deserving of recognition. To the officers and members of Pine Falls Lodge, and The Dormer Lodge, who journeyed with me on official visits I am also deeply grateful.

As I write, the Allied nations are celebrating and offering thanks for victory in Europe, the culmination of a long struggle against the forces of evil, a struggle in which our Order has played an unheralded part. However, the struggle of Freemasonry is but beginning. There still exists in Europe (particularly in Germany where Masonry once thrived) a moral canker which neither force of arms, nor oratory, nor monetary contributions can remove. Time, and the "spirit of Freemasonry" whether administered by Masons or non-Masons, can aid in building a moral structure which may be depended upon to withstand the forces of bestiality and greed. I suggest that it will remain for another generation to judge whether or not Freemasonry of today has failed in its purpose.

In conclusion I wish, on behalf of the Tenth Masonic District, to thank you Most Worshipful Sir for your interest and assistance in the welfare of our District and individual Lodges.

To the officers and members of the District I can only say that it was a privilege and pleasure to have had the opportunity of serving you. I appreciate your confidence expressed one year ago and hope that in some small measure I have been deserving of that confidence.

If, during the coming year, I can be of assistance in any way I shall be only too happy to further serve.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

D. C. ROBERTSON,
D.D.G.M.. Tenth Masonic District.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

I hereby respectfully submit my report of the different activities in the Twelfth Masonic District for the year 1944-1945.

May I, at this time, express my sincere and grateful appreciation for the honor conferred on me by the members of my District in electing me to such a high office. I trust that my efforts to discharge the duties have met with your approval.

The following were my official visits:

September 11, 1944	Sturgeon Creek Lodge No. 145
September 14, 1944	Beaver Lodge No. 139
September 28, 1944	Mount Sinai Lodge No. 143
October 3, 1944	Fort Osborne Lodge No. 144
October 6, 1944	Capitol Lodge No. 136
October 11, 1944	Fort Garry Lodge No. 130
October 13, 1944	Tuscan Lodge No. 141
October 16, 1944	Windsor Lodge No. 138
October 20, 1944	Fidelity Lodge No. 146
November 8, 1944	Lord Selkirk Lodge No. 137
November 16, 1944	Meridian Lodge No. 140

Degrees were conferred in practically all Lodges during my official visits, and I say with all sincerity that the work is being performed very creditably. Brotherly love and perfect harmony prevail in all Lodges, and the officers are carrying out their duties in a most efficient manner.

As your representative, I was received in each Lodge with due courtesy and high regard for the office which I held. It was most gratifying to note the esteem and affection of the brethren for yourself as Grand Master.

During the year, Sturgeon Creek Lodge No. 145 celebrated its twenty-first anniversary, the date being January 8, 1945, at which you were present, also the Worshipful Master and officers and members of St. James Lodge, King Edward Lodge and Ionic Lodge—these being the Mother, Grand Mother and Great Grand Mother Lodges respectively. The function was most enjoyable.

My official visit to Meridian Lodge No. 140, on November 16, 1944, was an outstanding event which went down in the Historical Register of that Lodge. As it was St. Andrew's night a large number of members and visitors were present including R. W. Bro. Hugh Innes, D.D.G. Master of the First Masonic District, accompanied by the Masters of the different Lodges in that District. The Master and Wardens, Immediate Past Master, Officers and several members of Meridian Lodge were dressed in costume truly symbolic of the occasion. Your official representative was likewise dressed in Scottish garb for the event and our presence in such attire added much color. The refreshment hour was marked by the skirl of the pipes, the eating of haggis, and many interesting stories of the great Saint.

The District Meeting was held on Monday, January 29, 1945. There was a large attendance. This meeting, in previous years, had usually been held on a Saturday night; it was the general opinion that if satisfactory arrangements could be made it would be preferable to hold the meeting on any other week night than Saturday.

The annual District Church Service was held in St. Paul's church on the morning of April 22, 1945. The Pastor, R. W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, Deputy Grand Master, delivered a most inspiring message, the subject being "Dynamic Freemasonry". Most Worshipful Bro. Harry Woods read the Scripture. The weather was very unfavorable on that particular morning, but a large number of brethren were present.

Following a custom inaugurated by my predecessor, a dinner meeting was held once each month at which the District Officers, Masters and Senior Wardens were present. Matters of general interest with regard to Lodge and District affairs were considered. These gatherings were most informal, and there was plenty of round-table discussion. The Masters and Senior Wardens learned to know each other more intimately and thus bound their Masonic friendships much more firmly. I have no doubt the Masters and Senior Wardens will prevail upon my successors to continue these meetings, which have proved to be so beneficial.

On Friday evening, April 27, 1945, we held a "Ladies' Night" for the Twelfth Masonic District, in the Fort Garry Hotel. I believe this was the first time such an affair was held in Winnipeg under the supervision of the Officers and Masters of the District. It was an overwhelming success. Dinner was served in the Banquet Room at 7.00 p.m., followed by a musical programme. A toast to the ladies was propased by R. W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, Deputy Grand Master, and responded to by Mrs. M. S. Lougheed, wife of Bro. Morley S. Lougheed. Dancing was enjoyed to the full extent in the ball room. Cards were available to those who desired a game of bridge. In view of the success of this venture, may I suggest to incoming Masters that it should be made an annual event.

Most Worshipful Sir, it has indeed been a pleasure for me to act as your Representative in the Twelfth District this year. I have found the experience most valuable. New members have been mostly of the younger type, full of eagerness to absorb Masonic knowledge and to put it to practical use. This is the sort of member the Craft needs, and I hope they will always have capable leadership.

In conclusion may I offer my sincere appreciation to the District Officers and Masters of 1944-1945 for their kind assistance and co-operation during my term of office. Particularly do I wish to express my appreciation to W. B. T. Gilchrist, who carried out the duties of District Secretary in a most efficient manner. He was a tower of strength to me, always ready and willing to co-operate in any branch of the work.

There is nowhere to be found in Manitoba a more enthusiastic and willing group of Masters than those who served during the year 1944 and those now serving during 1945. Their superior qualities will live long in my memory and I trust that I may retain their warm friendship for many, many years to come.

Most Worshipful Sir, your kindness to me and your friendly advice will long be remembered with deep gratitude.

Fraternally submitted,
D. MacKAY,
D.D.G.M., Twelfth Masonic District.

In Memoriam

DEDICATED

TO

THE DISTINGUISHED DEAD OF

SISTER

GRAND LODGES

1944

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY

OF

Edward Maxwell Walker

Initiated in Dalhousie Lodge No. 52, Ottawa (G.R.C.), on July 3rd, 1893. Passed on October 2nd, 1894, and raised on December 4th, 1894, and was still a member in good standing at the time of his death.

He affiliated with the following Lodges in Manitoba. Northern Light Lodge No. 10 on March 16th, 1899, Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1 on October 15th, 1912, St. John's Lodge No. 4 on June 4th, 1913, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, on February 15th, 1915, St. James Lodge No. 121 on July 14th, 1915, Norwood Lodge No. 119, on March 12th, 1925.

District Deputy Grand Master, 1907
Junior Grand Warden, 1910
Senior Grand Warden, 1911
Deputy Grand Master, 1912
Grand Master, 1913
Grand Librarian, 1926

Born in	Died in
Inverary, Ontario	Winnipeg, Manitoba
March 1st, 1865	September 28th, 1944

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY

OF

George Nelson Jackson

Initiated in Acacia Lodge No. 61, Hamilton (G.R.C.) in 1892. Affiliated with Ionic Lodge No. 25, Winnipeg, in 1906, and was Master of that Lodge in 1916.

Senior Grand Deacon, 1915
District Deputy Grand Master, 1916
Junior Grand Warden, 1918
Senior Grand Warden, 1919
Deputy Grand Master, 1920
Grand Master, 1921

Born in	Died in
Columbus, Ontario	Winnipeg, Manitoba
June 4th, 1861	December 1st, 1944

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

William R. Grieve

District Deputy Grand Master, 1912

DIED

March 31st, 1944

John E. Mitchell

District Deputy Grand Master, 1913

DIED

May 2nd, 1944

William McCartney

District Deputy Grand Master, 1913

DIED

June 2nd, 1944

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

Norman McDougall

Grand Steward, 1916
District Deputy Grand Master, 1917
DIED
October 24th, 1944

Thomas E. Corbett

District Deputy Grand Master, 1937
DIED
June 22nd, 1944

Robert Thomas Rutherford

Grand Pursuivant, 1909
DIED
August 25th, 1944

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

William McDonald

Grand Steward, 1916

DIED

December 3rd, 1944

Thomas W. G. Bunn

Senior Grand Steward, 1921

DIED

August, 1944

James Buchan

Grand Pursuivant, 1937

DIED

December 25th, 1944

William James Edwards

Senior Grand Deacon, 1939

DIED

June 2nd, 1944

IN MEMORY

OF THE BELOVED BRETHREN WHO ARE

At Rest

Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Pollard, O. H.	Jan. 2nd, 1944	Prince Rupert's	1
Henry, Thomas	Mar. 11th, 1944	Prince Rupert's	1
Agnew, Harry M.	June 2nd, 1944	Prince Rupert's	1
Riley, Robert T.	July 29th, 1944	Prince Rupert's	1
Blackford, Jas. E.	Sept. 1st, 1944	Prince Rupert's	1
Walker, E. M.	Sept. 28th, 1944	Prince Rupert's	1
Cooke, Harry	Oct. 8th, 1944	Prince Rupert's	1
Whitehead, Joseph G.	Nov. 9th, 1944	Prince Rupert's	1
Quinton, Alex. E.	Nov. 17th, 1944	Prince Rupert's	1
Moncrieff, R.	June 9th, 1944	Lisgar	2
Bunn, Thos. W. G.	Aug. 1944	Lisgar	2
Shepard, Garnet W.	Dec. 2nd, 1944	Lisgar	2
Cluett, George	Feb. 24th, 1944	Ancient Landmark	3
Humphrey, David J.	May, 5th, 1944	Ancient Landmark	3
William, George F.	June 2nd, 1944	Ancient Landmark	3
Tedman, George	June 27th, 1944	Ancient Landmark	3
Howard, Edward T.	July 19th, 1944	Ancient Landmark	3
Shaw, Robert	July 19th, 1944	Ancient Landmark	3
Dryden, Joshua	Aug. 10th, 1944	Ancient Landmark	3
Stiles, Henry B.	Sept. 14th, 1944	Ancient Landmark	3
Anderson, Herbert J.	Oct. 27th, 1944	Ancient Landmark	3
Pratt, James F.	Dec. 13th, 1944	Ancient Landmark	3
Braithwaite, J. A.	Jan. 6th, 1944	St. John's	4
Eddy, Frederick M.	Jan. 29th, 1944	St. John's	4
Baker, L. Roscoe	Apr. 24th, 1944	St. John's	4
Lower, Richard	May, 9th, 1944	St. John's	4
Robertson, Donald	May 28th, 1944	St. John's	4
Cotton, Percy	May 28th, 1944	St. John's	4
Raymond, William S.	June 23rd, 1944	St. John's	4
Hall, Thomas N.	July 6th, 1944	St. John's	4
Birchard, P. V.	July 6th, 1944	St. John's	4
Rutherford, F. J.	Sept. 11th, 1944	St. John's	4
Brown, Thomas W.	Nov. 25th, 1944	St. John's	4
St. Lawrence, Percy	Dec. 17th, 1944	St. John's	4

IN MEMORY

OF THE BELOVED BRETHREN WHO ARE

At Rest

Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Wright, Herbert H.	Sept. 21st, 1944	St. John's	4
McDougall, N.	Oct. 24th, 1944	Emerson	6
Home, Robert H.	Mar. 17th, 1944	Assiniboine	7
Weiben, Howard C.	Mar. 1944	Assiniboine	7
McCormick, Angus J.	May, 11th, 1944	Assiniboine	7
Sparling, Frederick	May, 13th, 1944	Assiniboine	7
Stewart, Peter	Sept. 1944	Assiniboine	7
King, Clement	Nov. 29th, 1944	Assiniboine	7
Mace, Roger M.	Dec. 10th, 1944	Assiniboine	7
(Killed in Action)			
Chapman, Jas. E.	Missing Overs's	King Solomon	8
Stevenson, Walter N.	Nov. 5th, 1944	King Solomon	8
Underwood, Geo. D.	Jan. 27th, 1944	Northern Light	10
Bissett, John E.	Mar. 18th, 1944	Northern Light	10
Over, W. Percy	Apr. 11th, 1944	Northern Light	10
Parkhill, John H.	May 20th, 1944	Northern Light	10
Bowles, John H.	June 12th, 1944	Northern Light	10
Swaisland, Wilfred J.	Nov. 14th, 1943	Northern Light	10
Christie, M. F.	Aug. 10th, 1944	Northern Light	10
Beattie, Roy G.	Aug. 27th, 1944	Northern Light	10
Duncan, James B.	Oct, 16th, 1944	Northern Light	10
McManus, Ray. O.	Dec. 6th, 1944	Northern Light	10
Graham, Richard	Jan. 13th, 1942	Gladstone	11
Johnstone, Frank E.	Aug. 21st, 1942	Gladstone	11
Vincent, Samuel L.	Jan. 31st, 1944	Stonewall	12
Logan, Alexander	June 2nd, 1944	Brandon	19
Wilson, Aldham	June 26th 1944	Brandon	19
Bowman, George J.	Feb. 24th, 1944	Neepawa	24
Thurston, Alfred	June 6th, 1944	Neepawa	24
Shannon, John P.	Oct. 6th, 1944	Neepawa	24
Roy, Middleton M.	Nov. 15th, 1944	Neepawa	24
Hobbs, Harold G.	Aug. 28th, 1943	Ionic	25
Carroll, Arthur L.	Jan. 25th, 1944	Ionic	25
Douglas, Johnson	Mar. 12th, 1944	Ionic	25
McBride, William P.	Apr. 29th, 1944	Ionic	25

IN MEMORY

OF THE BELOVED BRETHREN WHO ARE

At Rest

Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Edwards, William. J.	June 2nd, 1944	Ionic	25
Kirtley, John Wm.	June 10th, 1944	Ionic	25
Howarth, W. H. (Killed in Action)	Sept. 1st, 1944	Ionic	25
Holmes, Ed.	Oct. 28th, 1944	Ionic	25
Lewell, A.	Nov. 20th, 1944	Ionic	25
Jackson, George N.	Dec. 1st, 1944	Ionic	25
Cockrem, Ernest D.	July 30th, 1944	Glenwood	27
Alexander,Thomas W.	Feb. 26th, 1944	Manitou	30
Drew. James Franklin	Sept. 27th, 1944	Manitou	30
Jordon, Robert	Oct. 16th, 1944	Manitou	30
Walker, Alexander	Mar. 10th, 1944	Doric	36
Gordon, Anthony	May 25th, 1944	Deloraine	40
Brown, William	July 19th, 1944	Deloraine	40
Clingan, George	Jan. 2nd, 1944	Lebanon	43
More, Andrew	Mar. 28th, 1944	Lebanon	43
Christie, William. J.	June 25th, 1944	Glenboro	48
Smith, John H.	Feb. 29th, 1944	Temple	49
Thompson, Frank J.	July 12th, 1944	Temple	49
Morgan, Leslie H.	May 8th, 1944	Killarney	50
Baldwin, James M.	Sept. 1944	Killarney	50
Moore, Robert J.	Feb. 8th, 1944	Treherne	51
McLachlan, A.	Nov. 30th, 1944	Treherne	51
Lightly, W. R.	Dec. 1st, 1944	Treherne	51
Phillips, Matthew	July 3rd, 1944	Hartney	52
McDonald, William	Dec. 3rd, 1944	Hartney	52
Lang, Francis, H. (Killed in Action)	June 1944	Oriental	54
Carlson, Peter	Nov. 4th, 1944	East Star	55
Sundell, Augustus, C.	July 15th, 1944	Wawanesa	67
Fulton, John	Jan. 6th, 1944	Vermillion	68
Thompson, Ezra	Mar. 22nd, 1944	Vermillion	68
Armstrong, George (Killed in Action)	1943	Vermillion	68
Parson, Nils	Dec. 19th, 1944	Vermillion	68

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Bond, Amos	Apr. 1st, 1944	Shiloh	70
Sharman, Walter E.	Feb. 9th, 1944	Crystal	71
Corbett, Thomas E.	June 22nd, 1944	Crystal	71
Ingram, Frederick	Aug. 20th, 1944	Napinka	77
Luker, William T.	Dec. 3rd, 1944	Napinka	77
Lougheed, Thomas H.	Aug. 3rd, 1944	Cypress	82
Lawson, Alexander	Jan. 29th, 1944	Hamiota	84
McConnell, John H.	Mar. 26th, 1944	Hamiota	84
Kerr, Thomas	Sept. 4th, 1944	Hamiota	84
Draper, John	Jan. 19th, 1944	Rathwell	87
Jacob, Robert	Mar. 13th, 1944	King Edward	93
Burgess, Theodore	Apr. 26th, 1944	King Edward	93
Grisdale, Robert C.	June 4th, 1944	King Edward	93
Watson, Benjamin A.	June 12th, 1944	King Edward	93
Fleming, James B.	July 29th, 1944	King Edward	93
McCune, John	Aug. 23rd, 1944	King Edward	93
Kelly, James N.	Dec. 16th, 1944	King Edward	93
Parrott, Victor	Jan. 20th, 1944	Hiram	94
Hudson, Gerald, D.	Dec. 4th, 1944	Robbie Burns	100
Murray, Jas. Sinclair	Feb. 13th, 1944	Binscarth	101
Pate, Rev. John	Feb. 10th, 1944	Miniota	102
Coultry, Albert E.	Apr. 12th, 1944	Miniota	102
Rattray, John Grant	June 23rd, 1944	Reston	104
Chester, Arthur E.	Oct. 7th, 1944	Reston	104
Wood, Joseph	Oct. 24th, 1944	Reston	104
Rowe, George	July 31st, 1944	Prince Arthur	105
Wersh, Louis L.	Mar. 25th, 1944	Strathclair	106
Rutherford, R. Thos.	Aug. 25th, 1944	Strathclair	106
McCartney, William	June 2nd, 1944	Lansdowne	107
Tuck, George	June 9th, 1944	Lansdowne	107
Douglas, Alexander	July 22nd, 1944	Lansdowne	107
Livingston, Ross	Jan. 4th, 1944	Swan Lake	109
Gledhill, Albert F.	Mar. 7th, 1944	Kilwinning	110
Armet, Archibald, R.	Jan. 4th, 1944	Acacia	111
Cross, Henry W.	Mar. 1st, 1944	Acacia	111

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Davis, John E.	Aug. 20th, 1944	Acacia	111
Anderson, William W.	Aug. 21st, 1944	Acacia	111
Fawcett, Daniel T.	Mar. 9th, 1944	Ophir	112
Burgoyne, James	Jan. 23rd, 1944	Tweed	113
Rutter, John E.	Mar. 21st, 1944	Tweed	113
Calder, Thos.	Aug. 18th, 1944	Tweed	113
Jones, Gordon Thos.	Oct. 9th, 1944	Tweed	113
McPhail, William G.	Aug. 28th, 1944	Tweed	113
McKenzie, Kenneth J.	Oct. 21st, 1944	Tweed	113
McDiarmid, Alfred R.	Oct. 31st, 1944	Tweed	113
Fess, William P.	Mar. 7th, 1944	"The Assiniboine"	114
Crawford, William	Mar. 25th, 1944	"The Assiniboine"	114
Christie, Peter C.	June 3rd, 1944	"The Assiniboine"	114
Kinney, John E.	July 7th, 1944	"The Assiniboine"	114
Toon, Frederick W.	Dec. 30th, 1944	"The Assiniboine"	114
Cunningham, C. A.	Dec. 31st, 1944	"The Assiniboine"	114
Rea, William G. C.	Feb. 12th, 1944	Rivers	115
Wiegand, Lorenzo	Mar. 6th, 1944	Rivers	115
Mitchell, John E.	May 2nd, 1944	Rivers	115
Telfer, Wilton	Oct. 3rd, 1944	Strathcona	117
Tustin, Arthur J.	May 24th, 1944	Norwood	119
Caughey, Samuel W.	June 2nd, 1944	Norwood	119
Dougall, Thomas	Aug. 18th, 1944	Norwood	119
Bird, James	Dec. 15th, 1944	Norwood	119
Oliver, J. P.	Apr. 12th, 1944	St. James	121
Page, George	Nov. 6th, 1944	St. James	121
Terry, Frank E.	June 1944	Roblin	122
Campbell, Alex. A.	Jan. 29th, 1944	Transcona	123
Edwards, Louis F.	Mar. 24th, 1944	Transcona	123
Hayward, Roland C.	Mar. 5th, 1944	Transcona	123
Miller, Alexander	Oct. 22nd, 1944	The Pas	124
Mann, John	Nov. 8th, 1944	The Pas	124
Cumming, Lloyd W. (Missing in Action)	June 1944	Victory	128
Leighton, R. O. Y.	Jan. 12th, 1944	Fort Garry	130

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Klintberg, S. I. J.	May, 3rd, 1944	Fort Garry	130
McGeachie, Don. Wm. (Killed in Action)	Oct. 12th, 1944	Fort Garry	130
Newton, James G.	Jan. 9th, 1944	Kildonan	131
Matheson, Alexander	June 12th, 1944	Kildonan	131
Watson, John	1944	Sprague	132
Halford, Percival	Sept. 1944	McCreary	133
Fletcher, C. W. (Killed in Action)	Oct. 30th, 1944	McCreary	133
Smith, John A.	Oct. 21st, 1944	Stony Mountain	134
Stewart, John	July 1st, 1944	Capitol	136
Strathdee, John	July 10th, 1944	Beaver	139
Bone, Thomas Wm.	Jan. 5th, 1944	Meridian	140
Clark, James T.	Mar. 27th, 1944	Meridian	140
Macdonald, James C.	Apr. 27th, 1944	Meridian	140
Munro, John B.	July 11th, 1944	Meridian	140
Kelsey, Kenneth J.	Sept. 9th, 1944	Meridian	140
Craig, Robert B.	Oct. 7th, 1944	Meridian	140
Moreau, Joseph A.	Mar. 9th, 1944	Tuscan	141
Adilman, Maurice	Oct. 7th, 1944	Mt. Sinai	143
Tomlin, Albert E.	Sept. 25th, 1944	Fort Osborne	144
Smith, Gilbert H.	Apr. 23rd, 1944	Sturgeon Creek	145
Hempsall, Frank	Sept. 12th, 1944	Sturgeon Creek	145
Monson, John R.	Aug. 20th, 1944	Fidelity	146
McKeag, Robert G.	Oct. 25th, 1944	Fidelity	146
Devers, Robert H. V.	Oct. 18th, 1944	Seven Oaks	148
Rait, Thomas	July 23rd, 1944	The Dormer	151
Buchan, James	Dec. 25th, 1944	The Dormer	151
Peiper, Joseph	Oct. 19th, 1944	Flin Flon	153
Evans, Frances W.	Jan. 4th, 1944	Carman	155
Prismall, George S.	May 10th, 1944	Carman	155
Law, Reginald F.	Dec. 9th, 1944	Carman	155

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Bradshaw, D. W.	Nov. 21st, 1944	Prince Rupert's	1
McMullen, Alexander	Nov. 21st, 1944	Prince Rupert's	1
Plant, Bernard	Dec. 19th, 1944	Prince Rupert's	1
Harrison, Harold	Oct. 16th, 1944	Ancient Landmark	3
Sabin, James T.	Dec. 21st, 1944	Ancient Landmark	3
Walters, Frederick	Nov. 1st, 1944	St. John's	4
Shave, Harry	Dec. 6th, 1944	St. John's	4
Blair, A. R. N.	Dec. 6th, 1944	St. John's	4
Pratt, E. A.	Dec. 6th, 1944	St. John's	4
Smeaton, Eric P.	Feb. 19th, 1944	Emerson	6
Dunlop, Edwin C.	Nov. 20th, 1944	Assiniboine	7
Robertson, James R.	Dec. 18th, 1944	Assiniboine	7
Simpson, Charles C.	Dec. 18th, 1944	Assiniboine	7
Hardy, George E.	Jan. 20th, 1944	Northern Light	10
Lambert, Harry W.	Feb. 17th, 1944	Northern Light	10
Halley, G. A.	Sept. 21st, 1944	Northern Light	10
Flook, Stanley, W.	Dec. 21st, 1944	Northern Light	10
McKay, H. A.	May 8th, 1944	Gladstone	11
Batty, John D.	Mar. 7th, 1944	Corinthian	15
Roberts, Charles A.	Dec. 5th, 1944	Corinthian	15
Hanson, Thomas J.	Apr. 11th, 1944	Brandon	19
Hunn, Dudley, H.	(Resigned)	Brandon	19
Boles, I. C.	Feb. 8th, 1944	Neepawa	24
Watson, Roy D.	Apr. 11th, 1944	Neepawa	24
Sewell, Frank F.	Oct. 10th, 1944	Neepawa	24
Bowman, James M.	Dec. 12th, 1944	Neepawa	24
Cantelon, Albert E.	Dec. 12th, 1944	Neepawa	24
Lang, Alexander	Dec. 12th, 1944	Neepawa	24
Lightfoot, James	Mar. 6th, 1944	Ionic	25
Lewarne, Richard J.	June 5th, 1944	Ionic	25
Clayton, C. G.	Dec. 31st, 1944	Ionic	25
Leech, Robert L.	Dec. 31st, 1944	Ionic	25
Taylor, W. W.	Dec. 31st, 1944	Ionic	25
Chapman, William G.	Jan. 28th, 1944	Glenwood	27
Avery, Howard Wm.	Dec. 27th, 1944	Glenwood	27
Jackson, C. J. F.	June 20th, 1943	Carberry	29
Belton, George S.	Oct. 31st, 1944	Carberry	29
Barber, Samuel F.	Nov. 28th, 1944	Carberry	29
Rogers, Clifford N.	Nov. 28th, 1944	Carberry	29
Allen, Ralph F.	Oct. 3rd, 1944	Manitou	30

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Murray, James	Dec. 5th, 1944	Manitou	30
Dickinson, F. L.	Mar. 7th, 1944	Birtle	39
Leam, Arthur, P.	Dec. 5th, 1944	Lebanon	43
Rollins, Clare D.	Dec. 18th, 1944	Killarney	50
Forbes, Charles	Dec. 5th, 1944	Hartney	52
Day, Cecil F.	Jan. 17th, 1944	Oriental	54
McDougall, D.	Mar. 14th, 1944	Russell	62
Cookman, Robert	May 22nd, 1944	Russell	62
Hughes, Sydney	Nov. 18th, 1944	Russell	62
Astwood, Mervin S.	Nov. 10th, 1944	Vermillion	68
Gardner, David	Dec. 7th, 1944	Vermillion	68
Liddon, Thomas H.	Jan. 13th, 1944	Shiloh	70
Bond, Harold J.	Feb, 10th, 1944	Shiloh	70
Chanin, Robert C.	Dec. 14th, 1944	Shiloh	70
McIntyre, Alfred W.	Dec. 12th, 1944	Crystal	71
Leslie, James A.	Jan. 6th, 1944	Cypress	82
Todd, William	Jan. 6th, 1944	Cypress	82
Bulmer, Walter R.	Apr. 17th, 1944	Midlothian	90
McKay, Harold	Sept. 12th, 1944	Shoal Lake	92
George, Robert S.	Dec. 14th, 1944	Shoal Lake	92
Sutherland, Donald G.	Jan. 19th, 1944	King Edward	93
Darling, Arthur R.	Jan. 19th, 1944	King Edward	93
Pearen, Joshua, H.	Jan. 19th, 1944	King Edward	93
Webster, Edward E.	Feb. 16th, 1944	King Edward	93
Ackroyd, Abraham M.	Oct. 18th, 1944	King Edward	93
Bailey, Albert E.	Dec. 20th, 1944	King Edward	93
Murray, Andrew	Dec. 20th, 1944	King Edward	93
Smith, Samuel J.	Dec. 30th, 1944	King Edward	93
Wilson, Harry C.	Sept. 27th, 1944	Hiram	94
Harrison, John W.	Mar. 1st, 1944	Crescent	103
Vincent, Arthur Wm.	May 11th, 1944	Reston	104
Hall, A. E.	Oct. 12th, 1944	Reston	104
Delgaty, W. G.	Nov. 9th, 1944	Reston	104
Hill, Charles	Oct. 25th, 1944	Lansdowne	107
Jackson, P. A.	Oct. 25th, 1944	Lansdowne	107
Garth, Wm. K.	Oct. 25th, 1944	Lansdowne	107
Carman, Henry V.	June 2nd, 1944	Ophir	112
Platford, Frederick, W.	June 2nd, 1944	Ophir	112
McNaughton, William D.	Jan. 18th, 1944	Tweed	113
Park, Wilbert J.	Sept. 19th, 1944	Tweed	113
Wilton, Albert W.	Sept. 19th, 1944	Tweed	113

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Runciman, John F.	Dec. 19th, 1944	Tweed	113
Wakefield, Ernest A.	Dec. 5th, 1944	"The Assiniboine"	114
Sutherland, Robert G.	Dec. 30th, 1944	"The Assiniboine"	114
Donogh, Wallace R.	Nov. 27th, 1944	Rivers	115
McDonald, Malcolm	Jan. 4th, 1944	Strathcona	117
Sanders, Robert M.	Mar. 23rd, 1944	Mound	118
Thompson, Everett, C.	Feb. 9th, 1944	St. James	121
Caswill, Ernest	Feb. 7th, 1944	Empire	127
Madsen, Nils E.	Feb. 16th, 1944	Victory	128
Hunter, Gordon	Sept. 20th, 1944	Victory	128
Herbert, Alfred H.	Sept 1944	Shellmouth	129
Brace. Lincoln H.	Jan. 12th, 1944	Fort Garry	130
Duncan, Ralph C.	Jan. 12th, 1944	Fort Garry	130
Wells, James H.	Jan. 12th, 1944	Fort Garry	130
Wishart, Andrew J.	Jan. 12th, 1944	Fort Garry	130
Hilder, Frederick H.	Mar. 8th, 1944	Fort Garry	130
Harrod, Percy	Dec. 31st, 1944	Fort Garry	130
Harpell, George C.	June 8th, 1944	McCreary	133
McKone, Rex.	Dec. 14th, 1944	McCreary	133
McLean, Donald	Jan. 5th, 1944	Stony Mountain	134
Benson, Johann	Nov. 1st, 1944	Stony Mountain	134
Weatherly, Francis H.	Dec. 1st, 1944	Capitol	136
Lee, Thomas Wm.	Nov. 8th, 1944	Lord Selkirk	137
Crookes, Sidney	Feb. 14th, 1944	Windsor	138
Nelson, Thomas	Feb. 14th, 1944	Windsor	138
Morgan, William H.	Nov. 13th, 1944	Windsor	138
Moore, Thomas	Oct. 19th, 1944	Meridian	140
Maguire, William	Dec. 21st, 1944	Meridian	140
Tatlow, Harry	Dec. 21st, 1944	Meridian	140
Brown, Roland W.	Dec. 30th, 1944	Meridian	140
Hale, William	Nov. 10th, 1944	Tuscan	141
Solvason, Stefan	Dec. 8th, 1944	Tuscan	141
Finkelstein, Manley	Jan. 27th, 1944	Mt. Sinai	143
Genaske, Harry	Dec. 28th, 1944	Mt. Sinai	143
Wither, William A.	Sept. 5th, 1944	Fort Osborne	144
Allisen, Robert W.	Oct. 13th, 1944	Jubilee	147
Hackett, Robert James	Jan. 1st, 1944	Pine Falls	154
Pickell, Norman R.	Sept. 21st, 1944	Carman	155
Cleave, Thomas	Dec. 19th, 1944	Carman	155
Brown, R. Hector	July 18th, 1944	Manitouwapa	156

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When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1875	*Rev. W. C. Clarke	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy	*Jas. Henderson	*S. L. Bedson	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*John H. Bell	*H. T. Champion	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1876	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy	*Jas Henderson	*S. L. Bedson	*G. F. Newcomb	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Jno. W. Harris	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1877	*G. F. Newcomb	*Jas Henderson	*Jno. W. Harris	*E. G. Conklin	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson
1878	*G. F. Newcomb	*Jno. W. Harris	*Simon Duffin	*F. T. Bradley	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1879	*Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson	*Jno. W. Harris	*Simon Duffin	*R. McCuaig	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*James Munroe	*Rev. James Flett
1880	*John H. Bell	*E. G. Conklin	*Hon. G. McMicken	*J. M. McGregor	†J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1881	*John H. Bell	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. B. Murray	*C. F. Forrest	†J. J. Johnston	*Jas. Henderson	*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1882	*John H. Bell	*Wm. G. Scott	*Alfred Pearson	*C. F. Forrest	†J. J. Johnston		*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1883	*John H. Bell	*D. B. Murray	*R McCuaig	†John Smith	†J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. Young	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1884	*John H. Bell	*C. F. Forrest	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood	†N. J. Lindsay	†J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	†Wm. Simpson	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1885	*C. F. Forrest	*Alfred Pearson	*Peter McGregor	†Thos. Colins	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. W. H. Wilson	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood
1886	*Alfred Pearson	*Peter McGregor	*J. W. H. Wilson	*J. K. Brydon	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Wm. G. Bell	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1887	*Thomas Clark	†John A. Kerr	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Jas. S. Greig	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1888	*Thomas Clark	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	R. C. Brown	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†Joseph Daniel	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1889	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara	*Wm. G. Bell	*Thos. L. Morton	†Thos. McPherson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*James A. Payne	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding
1890	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	†Thos. McPherson	*Fred L. Newman	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*R. W. Woodroofe	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding
1891	*Wm. G. Bell	*J. W. H. Wilson	*Rich'd D. Foley	*John Leslie	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*James G. Dagg	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1892	*J. W. H. Wilson	*D. J. Goggin	*F. G. Lewin	*Thos. Robinson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Wm. A. Windatt	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1893	*D. J. Goggin	*Thos. Robinson	*Thomas Tweed	*Corbet Locke	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. H. Munson	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1894	*Thomas Tweed	*Charles N. Bell	*Corbet Locke	*Hugh U. Bain	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	‡Rev. A. W. F. Cooper	*Rev. C. B. Pitblado

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When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1895	*Charles N. Bell	*Corbet Locke	*John Leslie	*Geo. B. Murphy	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*John Chambers	*Rev. C. B. Pitblado
1896	*Corbet Locke	*John Leslie	*Fred L. Newman	†F. T. English	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†C. N. Mitchell	Rev. J. W. Matheson
1897	*Thomas Robinson	*Geo. B. Murphy	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton	†Wm. Crawford	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. O. Smith	*Rev. A. Chisholm
1898	*Geo. B. Murphy	*H. J. Eberts	*R. S. Thornton	*Wm. A. Windatt	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†Edgar W. Rugg	†Rev. C. R. Littler
1899	*John Leslie	*R. S. Thornton	*W. A. Windatt	*S. B. Jamieson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†J. A. Sutherland	†Rev. J. W. Muirhead
1900	*R. S. Thornton	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton	*Wm. Fenwick	*R. Hill Myers	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	†E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. B. Baird
1901	*R. S. Thornton	*R. Hill Myers	†E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*James M. Suttie	*Rev. A. B. Baird
1902	*R. Hill Myers	†E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Geo. W. Baker	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	†Geo. H. Webster	†Rev. Geo. H. Webb
1903	†E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Wm. G. Scott	*H. H. Campkin	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*R. P. Crookshank	†Rev. Geo. H. Webb
1904	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Wm. G. Scott	*H. H. Campkin	†James Scroggie	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	†O. E. S. Whiteside	Rev. John Wells
1905	*Wm. G. Scott	*H. H. Campkin	†James Scroggie	*Henry J. Pugh	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*John R. Grant	†Rev. Geo. H. Hogbin
1906	*John McKechnie	†James Scroggie	*Henry J. Pugh	*James D. Baine	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Arthur H. Smith	*Rev. Jas. L. Gordon
1907	†James Scroggie	*Henry J. Pugh	*James D. Baine	*John Wemyss	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Robert Magness	*Rev. Jas. L. Gordon
1908	*Henry J. Pugh	*James D. Baine	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*A. N. Macpherson	Rev. Thos. Neville
1909	*James D. Baine	*Geo. W. Baker	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Joseph Greenfield	*Rev. Wm. Robertson
1910	*Geo. W. Baker	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*Ed. M. Walker	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Jas. E. Maynard	*Rev. Wm. Robertson
1911	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*Ed. M. Walker	*Lynds S. Vaughan	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*R. W. A. Rolph	Rev. Frederick W. Goodeve
1912	*Wm. Chambers	*Ed. M. Walker	*Lynds S. Vaughan	Henry E. Bletcher	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*John Colwell	Rev. Frederick W. Goodeve
1913	*Ed. M. Walker	*Lynds S. Vaughan	Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	Robert L. Ross	Rev. Sydney D. Thomas
1914	*Lynds S. Vaughan	*William Fenwick	Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*J. M. Robinson	*Rev. Peter E. Scott

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When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1915	*William Fenwick.	Henry E. Bletcher.	*Percy E. Kellett.	Ed. T. Greenway	*T. Harry Webb.	*James A. Ovas.	*Jno. Macwhirter	*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1916	Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett.	Ed. T. Greenway.	*Alex. McIntyre	*James G. Dagg.	*James A. Ovas.	C. F. Hasselfield.	*Rev. James S. Miller
1917	*Percy E. Kellett.	Ed. T. Greenway.	*Alex. McIntyre	Albert J. Hatcher.	*James G. Dagg.	*James A. Ovas.	*Jno. J. Jackson.	*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1918	Ed. T. Greenway.	*Alex. McIntyre	Albert J. Hatcher	*Geo. N. Jackson.	*James G. Dagg.	*James A. Ovas.		*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1919	*Alex. McIntyre	Albert J. Hatcher.	*Geo. N. Jackson.	*Rev. A. B. Baird.	Wm. J. Major.	*James A. Ovas.		Rev. James W. Anderson
1920	Albert J. Hatcher	*Geo. N. Jackson.	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major.	Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas.		*Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1921	*Geo. N. Jackson.	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major.	Jas. S. MacEwing.	Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas.		*Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1922	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major.	Jas. S. MacEwing.	A. L. Crossin	Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas.		*Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1923	Wm. J. Major.	Jas. S. MacEwing.	Albert L. Crossin.	*J. C. Walker Reid	Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas.		†Rev. Wm. C. Cunningham
1924	Jas. S. MacEwing	Albert L. Crossin.	*J. C. Walker Reid	Jabez Miller	James Mackie	*James A. Ovas.		†Rev. Wm. C. Cunningham
1925	Albert L. Crossin	*J. C. Walker Reid	Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	James Mackie	*James A. Ovas.		*Rev. Andrew T. Norquay
1926	*J. C. Walker Reid	Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas.	James Mackie	*James A. Ovas.		*Rev. Andrew T. Norquay
1927	Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas.	George Hunter	James Mackie	*James A. Ovas.		Rev. George W. Findlay
1928	*Murdo A. Whimster.	William Douglas.	George Hunter	Norman J. Black.	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas.		Rev. George W. Findlay
1929	William Douglas.	George Hunter	Norman J. Black.	David S. Woods.	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas.		Rev. George W. Findlay
1930	George Hunter	Norman J. Black.	David S. Woods.	James Mackie	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas.		Rev. G. A. Woodside
1931	Norman J. Black	David S. Woods.	James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph.	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas.		Rev. G. A. Woodside
1932	David S. Woods.	James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph.	Royal Burritt	Alex. Burgess	*James A. Ovas.		Rt. Rev. W. W. H. Thomas
1933	James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph.	Royal Burritt	Harry Woods	Alex. Burgess	*James A. Ovas.		Rt. Rev. W. W. H. Thomas
1934	*Henry L. Adolph.	Royal Burritt	Harry Woods	John T. Boyd.	Alex. Burgess	*James A. Ovas.		Rev. George R. Calvert

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, ELECTED AT ITS FOUNDATION ON THE 12th OF MAY, 1875, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER—Continued.

When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1935	Royal Burritt	Harry Woods	John T. Boyd	Robert Hawkins	Alex. Burgess	J. H. G. Russell	....	Rev. George R. Calvert
1936	Harry Woods	John T. Boyd	Robert Hawkins	W. D. Lawrence	Alex. Burgess	J. H. G. Russell	....	Rev. Thomas Neville
1937	John T. Boyd	Robert Hawkins	W. D. Lawrence	J. J. Henderson	Alex. Burgess	J. H. G. Russell	....	Rev. Harry Sherstone
1938	Robert Hawkins	W. D. Lawrence	J. J. Henderson	Rev. G. R. Calvert	Alex. Burgess	J. H. G. Russell	....	Rev. Harry Sherstone
1939	W. D. Lawrence	J. J. Henderson	Rev. G. R. Calvert	S. H. Fahrni	Alex. Burgess	J. H. G. Russell	....	Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1940	J. J. Henderson	Rev. G. R. Calvert	S. H. Fahrni	Ben C. Parker	Alex. Burgess	J. H. G. Russell	....	Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1941	Canon G. R. Calvert	S. H. Fahrni	Ben C. Parker	Sam Burland	Alex. Burgess	J. H. G. Russell	....	Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1942	S. H. Fahrni	Ben C. Parker	Sam Burland	Rev. P. T. Pilkey	Alex Burgess	J. H. G. Russell	....	Rev. J. L. McInnis
1943	Ben C. Parker	Sam Burland	Rev. P. T. Pilkey	M. S. Donovan	Alex. Burgess	J. H. G. Russell	....	Rev. J. L. McInnis
1944	Sam. Burland	Rev. Dr. P. T. Pilkey	M. S. Donovan	H. B. Donnelly	Alex. Burgess	J. H. G. Russell	....	Rev. H. B. Wallace
1945	Rev. Dr. P. T. Pilkey	M. S. Donovan	H. B. Donnelly	W. C. McDonald	Alex. Burgess	J. H. G. Russell	....	Rev. H. B. Wallace

* Dead † Removed from Jurisdiction

LODGE DIRECTORY

No.	Name of Lodge	P.O. Address	Master	Secretary	Time of Regular Meeting
1	Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg	Rev. Fred Hughes	G. G. Teeter	Third Tuesday
2	Lisgar	Selkirk	L. C. Maxwell	John Veitch	Third Tuesday
3	Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg	C. S. Coates	W. F. Hutton	Third Monday
4	St. John's	Winnipeg	F. S. Adamson	Jas. Mackie	First Wednesday
6	Emerson	Emerson	G. J. Long	Len. Beer	Third Thursday
7	Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie	E. E. Smith	R. A. Price	Third Monday
8	King Solomon	Morris	R. S. Davidson	O. B. Cossitt	Second Tuesday
10	Northern Light	Winnipeg	G. M. Farwell	D. A. Ross	Third Thursday
11	Gladstone	Gladstone	D. P. Lobb	E. J. Cresswell	Second Monday
12	Stonewall	Stonewall	S. B. Brindley	J. F. McPhedran	First Thursday
13	Morden	Morden	G. N. Bonny	M. Maclean	Third Thursday
14	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa	Allan Murray	P. C. Carlson	Second Thursday
15	Corinthian	Rapid City	J. G. Shand	Arthur Dennis	First Tuesday
19	Brandon	Brandon	W. A. Wood	A. G. Warr	Second Tuesday
24	Neepawa	Neepawa	C. W. Martin	Arthur Clark	Second Tuesday
25	Ionic	Winnipeg	R. Fletcher Argue	M. Cobban	First Monday
27	Glenwood	Souris	J. H. Turner	W. W. Coltman	Fourth Friday
29	Carberry	Carberry	R. J. Hood	C. P. Rogers	Tuesday on or before full moon
30	Manitou	Manitou	W. J. Howe	Rev. J. W. Cruikshank	First Tuesday
36	Doric	Boissevain	R. W. Clark	B. Grant	Fourth Tuesday
39	Birtle	Birtle	W. B. Hawes	F. C. Barber	Third Monday
40	Deloraine	Deloraine	Hugh Wallace	J. Wat. Thomson	Third Wednesday
43	Lebanon	Virden	H. H. Allen	W. L. Cann	First Tuesday
44	Oak Lake	Oak Lake	J. H. Wallace	P. W. Paul	Second Thursday
48	Glenboro	Glenboro	Frank H. Bridge	A. S. Hames	Second Tuesday
49	Temple	MacGregor	J. L. Lamb	H. I. Collins	Third Tuesday
50	Killarney	Killarney	A. M. Dempsey	J. C. Bate	Third Monday
51	Treherne	Treherne	Paul Dupasquier	H. A. Adair	Friday on or before full moon
52	Hartney	Hartney	B. S. Roper	J. L. Crowe	First Tuesday
54	Oriental	Melita	W. V. McClure	J. G. Cobb	Third Monday
55	East Star	Gretna	D. A. McQuarrie	G. G. McEdward	Second Tuesday
62	Russell	Russell	J. E. McNeil	C. E. Whitmer	Second Wednesday
63	Holland	Holland	B. Olson	F. H. Dagg	Second Wednesday
64	Composite	Alexander	J. J. Jeffery	A. D. Blair	Third Monday
67	Wawanesa	Wawanesa	J. C. Beveridge	C. L. Atkinson	Monday on or before full moon

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No.	Name of Lodge	P.O. Address	Master	Secretary	Time of Regular Meeting
68	Vermillion	Dauphin	W. L. Bullmore	H. D. Brewer	First Tuesday
70	Shiloh	Roland	G. A. Brown	C. H. Glover	Second Thursday
71	Crystal	Crystal City	J. M. Howatt	R. R. Livesley	Second Tuesday
74	Elkhorn	Elkhorn	J. B. Williams	H. J. Jones	Fourth Tuesday
75	Gothic	Austin	C. B. Freeborn	F. J. Hall	Second Wednesday
77	Napinka	Napinka	J. O. Hassett	T. A. Taylor	First Thursday
82	Cypress	Cypress River	J. D. Brine	R. I. Connon	First Thursday
84	Hamiota	Hamiota	Wm. Dillon	E. P. Venables	Fourth Tuesday
86	Elgin	Elgin	R. J. Draper	E. J. Smillie	Second Tuesday
87	Rathwell	Rathwell	W. A. Caswell	E. B. Litz	Tuesday on or before full moon
90	Midlothian	Miami	L. P. Bingham	A. C. Orchard (Actg.)	Third Monday
92	Shoal Lake	Shoal Lake	M. R. Casselman	C. H. Nixon	Second Thursday
93	King Edward	Winnipeg	T. H. Rhodes	S. A. Restall	Third Wednesday
94	Hiram	Grandview	D. S. Mills	D. N. McIntyre	Third Thursday
100	Robbie Burns	Gilbert Plains	S. W. Fox	M. D. Snyder	Second Wednesday
101	Binscarth	Binscarth	John Matheson	M. E. Clegg	Third Monday
102	Miniota	Miniota	Alva E. Brad	W. H. Yarwood	Fourth Thursday
103	Crescent	Elm Creek	L. E. Millar	R. H. Wood	First Wednesday
104	Reston	Reston	H. W. Lau	A. K. Cates	Second Thursday
105	Prince Arthur	Swan River	E. L. Cottingham	J. Livesey	First Thursday
106	Strathclair	Strathclair	J. M. Sinclair	H. W. Clark	Tuesday on or before full moon
107	Lansdowne	Griswold	R. M. McMillan	J. G. McMillan	Fourth Wednesday
108	Union	Brookdale	L. H. Mitchell	W. H. Clegg	First Thursday
109	Swan Lake	Swan Lake	H. I. Skinner	G. O. Couch	Wednesday on or before full moon
110	Kilwinning	Minto	E. V. Sands	Rev. J. B. Francis	Second Monday
111	Acacia	Winnipeg	J. R. Gray	Wm. Dewar	Second Wednesday
112	Ophir	Beausejour	B. Warkentin	Wm. Craik	First Friday
113	Tweed	Brandon	Philip Hammonds	Ed. Braun	Third Tuesday
114	"The Assiniboine"	Winnipeg	W. C. Graham	O. E. MacQuoid	First Tuesday
115	Rivers	Rivers	F. D. Taylor	R. G. Sinclair	Last Monday
116	St. Andrew's	Wellwood	S. L. Reidle	G. W. Wells	Monday on or after full moon
117	Strathcona	Belmont	W. A. Briscoe	Wm. Owen	Tuesday on or before full moon
118	Mound	Pilot Mound	D. L. McLeod	R. E. Hicks	Fourth Thursday
119	Norwood	Norwood	H. Mitchinson	W. M. Summers	Second Thursday
120	Penza	Dominion City	E. A. Collins	A. G. Froom	Fourth Tuesday

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No.	Name of Lodge	P.O. Address	Master	Secretary	Time of Regular Meeting
121	St. James	St. James	F. W. Piper	Thos. King	Second Wednesday
122	Roblin	Roblin	C. T. Argent	Geo. Kelso	Second Monday
123	Transcona	Transcona	A. W. Harvey	F. G. Turner	First Friday
124	The Pas	The Pas	Waldmar Horester	G. A. Williams	First Wednesday
125	Patricia	Sperling	A. B. Campbell	O. R. Brown	First Wednesday
126	Favel	Minitonas	J. E. Burnett	H. Laing	First Tuesday
127	Empire	Winnipeg	John Ford	Jas. Wardrope	Second Monday
128	Victory	Benito	J. A. McDonald	C. F. Drager	Third Wednesday
130	Fort Garry	Winnipeg	J. W. Wilson	W. D. G. Runions	Second Wednesday
131	Kildonan	Winnipeg	W. S. Page	C. M. Smillie	Second Tuesday
132	Sprague	Sprague	Wm. McCarthy	Thos. McCarthy	Second Wednesday
133	McCreary	McCreary	J. W. Buchanan	T. E. Squire	Second Thursday
134	Stony Mountain	Stony Mountain	R. L. Walker	Rev. W. R. Wood	First Wednesday
136	Capitol	Winnipeg	S. H. Stevens	George Newman	First Friday
137	Lord Selkirk	Winnipeg	H. D. L. James	G. R. Mackay	Second Wednesday
138	Windsor	St. Vital	E. P. Tod	H. B. Donnelly	Second Monday
139	Beaver	Winnipeg	A. W. Phelps	S. W. Robertson	Second Thursday
140	Meridian	Winnipeg	W. G. Kelsey	Jas. Mowat	Third Thursday
141	Tuscan	Winnipeg	Reg. Lane	A. R. Simpson	Second Friday
142	Harmony	Cardale	R. H. English	S. W. Smith	Third Thursday
143	Mt. Sinai	Winnipeg	H. A. Kaplan	F. B. Dubinsky	Fourth Thursday
144	Fort Osborne	Winnipeg	G. Y. Cook	T. J. Booth	First Tuesday
145	Sturgeon Creek	Sturgeon Creek	H. F. Giller	E. W. Browne	Second Monday
146	Fidelity	Winnipeg	H. S. Flanigan	George Florence	Third Friday
147	Jubilee	Bowsman	Henry Mullin	Henry Stevens	Second Thursday
148	Seven Oaks	Winnipeg	H. Thompson	E. J. Scott	Second Friday
150	Cartwright	Cartwright	C. N. Wallace	W. H. Newton	Third Tuesday
151	The Dormer	Winnipeg	C. H. Wells	R. W. Ross	First Tuesday
152	Foxwarren	Foxwarren	W. R. Hall	V. G. Hillcox	First Wednesday
153	Flin Flon	Flin Flon	A. T. Heyland	S. E. T. Dodd	First Tuesday
154	Pine Falls	Pine Falls	G. A. Stewart	Wm. Bird	Second Friday
155	Carman	Carman	A. E. Shewfelt	J. A. Leslie	Third Tuesday
156	Manitouwapa	Moosehorn	H. S. Rutherford	W. A. L. Armstrong	Third Monday

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No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Re-instated	Demitted	Sus-pended N.P.D.	Sus-pended U.M.C.	Died	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1943	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1944
1	Prince Rupert's .	7	3	3	2	3	3	4	....	9	401	397
2	Lisgar.........	9	9	8	1	....	....	3	....	5	111	113
3	Ancient Landmarl	9	4	4	2	1	2	....	....	10	345	345
4	St. John's.......	11	11	7	2	6	4	....	....	13	572	574
6	Emerson........	1	2	2	....	....	1	....	....	2	63	61
7	Assiniboine......	21	21	21	1	2	3	....	....	7	184	198
8	King Solomon...	4	4	4	2	....	....	....	....	1	65	70
10	Northern Light..	10	....	....	5	1	4	....	....	11	269	270
11	Gladstone......	....	....	....	1	....	1	3	....	2	76	71
12	Stonewall.......	3	3	2	5	1	....	1	....	1	84	91
13	Morden........	2	2	2	3	1	....	....	....	....	71	77
14	Prince of Wales..	9	9	9	6	1	....	....	....	1	94	109
15	Corinthian......	5	5	5	....	1	2	....	....	....	51	55
19	Brandon........	4	3	3	....	1	1	3	....	3	193	191
24	Neepawa........	13	13	11	4	....	6	....	....	4	134	141
25	Ionic...........	19	14	15	3	1	5	3	....	10	499	504
27	Glenwood.......	26	24	22	....	1	2	....	....	1	134	158
29	Carberry.......	8	8	8	1	....	4	....	....	....	61	66
30	Manitou........	1	1	1	1	1	2	....	....	3	57	55
36	Doric...........	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	81	80
39	Birtle..........	2	2	3	....	....	1	....	....	....	41	42
40	Deloraine	5	4	3	2	4	....	....	....	4	63	70
43	Lebanon........	11	8	9	5	....	1	1	....	2	86	98
44	Oak Lake.......	4	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	29	34
48	Glenboro.......	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	50	50
49	Temple	10	8	7	....	....	....	1	....	2	66	73

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50	Killarney	2	1	1	1	1	1	....	....	2	63	64
51	Treherne	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	41	38
52	Hartney	3	....	....	....	1	1	....	....	2	75	76
54	Oriental	7	7	8	....	....	1	1	....	1	48	52
55	East Star	2	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	42	43
62	Russell	1	1	1	1	3	2	....	....	1	48	50
63	Holland	5	5	3	1	....	1	....	....	....	50	55
64	Composite	6	6	6	1	....	....	....	....	1	41	47
67	Wawanesa	6	9	7	....	....	....	....	....	1	43	48
68	Vermillion	12	7	7	1	3	2	4	...	4	165	171
70	Shiloh	2	2	1	3	....	3	....	....	1	68	69
71	Crystal	5	6	6	....	3	1	....	....	2	45	50
74	Elkhorn	8	....	....	1	2	....	....	....	....	33	44
75	Gothic	4	3	3	....	...	....	....	....	....	53	57
77	Napinka	12	12	11	....	...	....	2	....	2	58	66
82	Cypress	3	....	....	1	....	2	....	....	1	37	38
84	Hamiota	4	4	3	....	1	....	....	....	3	47	49
86	Elgin	3	3	3	1	....	....	....	....	....	57	61
87	Rathwell	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	21	20
90	Midlothian	11	12	12	1	....	1	....	....	....	55	66
92	Shoal Lake	4	4	3	....	5	2	1	....	....	73	79
93	King Edward	11	11	2	2	4	3	2	....	7	299	304
94	Hiram	7	....	....	....	1	1	....	....	1	60	66
100	Robbie Burns	2	1	1	....	1	....	1	....	1	29	30
101	Binscarth	....	....	....	....	1	....	2	....	1	31	29
102	Miniota	2	2	2	....	....	....	....	....	2	57	57
103	Crescent	6	6	6	....	....	1	....	....	....	53	58

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104	Reston	14	14	14	3	3	3	1	....	3	113	126
105	Prince Arthur	4	4	4	1	....	....	....	....	1	65	69
106	Strathclair	3	3	3	....	....	....	....	....	2	41	42
107	Lansdowne	5	5	5	....	1	3	....	....	3	42	42
108	Union	6	5	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	38	44
109	Swan Lake	3	6	6	....	....	....	....	....	1	26	28
110	Kilwinning	7	7	6	....	1	....	....	....	1	48	55
111	Acacia	4	3	3	2	1	....	....	....	4	192	195
112	Ophir	4	4	4	1	3	2	1	....	1	53	57
113	Tweed	13	12	12	4	1	4	....	....	8	236	242
114	"The Assiniboine"	13	....	....	6	1	2	....	....	6	321	333
115	Rivers	12	12	8	....	....	1	....	....	3	53	61
116	St. Andrews	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	34	35
117	Strathcona	7	6	3	1	....	1	....	....	1	60	66
118	Mound	....	1	2	....	1	1	1	....	....	60	59
119	Norwood	6	6	6	7	1	....	....	....	5	177	186
120	Penza	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	33	33
121	St. James	18	18	18	3	1	2	....	....	3	161	178
122	Roblin	7	7	7	....	....	....	....	....	1	36	42
123	Transcona	10	11	11	....	2	....	....	....	3	119	128
124	The Pas	6	8	5	2	....	....	....	....	2	90	96
125	Patricia	2	2	2	1	....	....	....	....	....	28	31
126	Favel	3	2	2	....	....	....	4	....	....	40	39
127	Empire	7	7	2	....	....	1	....	....	....	119	125
128	Victory	3	3	3	....	....	2	....	....	1	35	35
129	Shellmouth	....	....	....	....	1	1	....	....	....	18	18

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No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Re-instated	Demitted	Sus-pended N.P.D.	Sus-pended U.M.C.	Died	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1943	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1944
130	Fort Garry......	10	5	10	4	....	6	3	....	3	189	191
131	Kildonan........	5	5	5	....	1	....	....	....	2	90	94
132	Sprague.........	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	24	24
133	McCreary........	3	2	3	2	1	2	....	....	2	36	38
134	Stony Mountain..	1	1	1	1	....	2	1	....	1	49	47
136	Capitol.........	8	5	7	2	....	1	2	....	1	164	170
137	Lord Selkirk.....	2	2	3	1	2	1	1	....	....	96	99
138	Windsor........	6	5	5	1	....	3	....	....	1	115	118
139	Beaver..........	8	8	8	6	3	....	....	....	1	205	221
140	Meridian........	15	14	18	4	....	4	1	....	6	257	265
141	Tuscan.........	7	7	5	1	2	2	....	....	1	64	71
142	Harmony.......	4	4	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	24	28
143	Mt. Sinai........	5	5	3	2	....	2	....	....	1	213	217
144	Fort Osborne....	5	5	4	2	....	1	1	....	1	114	118
145	Sturgeon Creek..	8	10	10	2	....	....	....	....	2	85	93
146	Fidelity.........	12	12	14	3	....	....	...	....	2	115	128
147	Jubilee.........	5	6	6	1	1	1	....	....	....	44	50
148	Seven Oaks......	2	2	2	....	....	....	2	....	1	91	90
150	Cartwright......	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	30	32
151	The Dormer.....	3	3	3	1	....	....	....	....	2	47	49
152	Foxwarren......	4	3	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	32	37
153	Flin Flon.......	2	2	2	2	1	2	3	....	1	100	99
154	Pine Falls.......	4	3	3	1	....	1	....	....	....	42	46
155	Carman.........	8	7	7	1	....	2	....	....	3	53	57
156	Manitouwapa ...	8	8	5	....	....	1	....	....	....	44	51

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1944

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
1	Prince Rupert's. .	9	1	10	120	277	72	25	220.00	550.80	2669.24	602.57	17756.73	1500.00	Active	1	Rent
3	Ancient Landmark	9	2	11	71	273	60	35	424.00	335.00	570.02	344.00	30466.29	2900.00	Active	1	Rent
4	St. John's.	9	9	18	115	464	84	56	930.00	180.00	1071.00	2592.00	30660.00	6250.00	Active	1	Rent
10	Northern Light. . .	9	2	11	74	196	63	21	168.00	316.50	447.84	135.00	10015.06	1500.00	Active	1	Rent
25	Ionic.	10	10	20	129	375	86	53	695.00	185.35	1719.88	552.50	48082.72	500.00	Active	1	Rent
93	King Edward. . . .	9	8	17	70	228	85	30	352.00	186.93	1382.99	201.25	7837.86	1600.00	Active	1	Rent
111	Acacia.	9	3	12	46	149	40	38	406.00	220.05	486.42	588.25	7852.34	1000.00	Active	1	Rent
114	"The Assiniboine"	10	5	15	77	255	63	14	140.00	149.67	1100.00	383.00	15317.00	1500.00	Active	1	Rent
119	Norwood.	9	4	13	29	157	56	27	344.00	70.52	181.36	903.53	6019.83	7200.00	Active	1	Own
121	St. James.	9	10	19	29	144	50	20	175.00	211.25	578.16	1097.44	5116.60	1000.00	Active	1	Rent
127	Empire.	9	1	10	20	105	38	15	164.00	253.80	359.74	488.26	4429.93	3000.00	Active	1	Own

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7	Assiniboine.	10	19	29	78	120	50	38	312.00	7.00	1307.08	4247.75	14881.40	16000.00	Active	1	Own
11	Gladstone.	12	3	15	45	24	20	8	70.00	25.00	550.00	Nil	550.00	3500.00	Active	1	Own
24	Neepawa.	10	13	23	66	75	35	2	105.00	41.00	328.07	1710.53	3190.34	Nil	Active	1	Rent
29	Carberry.	12	5	17	. .	. .	17	5	190.00	45.73	500.95	97.25	2803.70	1500.00	Active	1	Own
49	Temple.	12	3	15	34	39	20	10	250.00	161.83	284.00	Nil	3000.00	2700.00	Active	1	Own
75	Gothic.	10	2	12	31	28	18	1	35.00	Nil	548.50	Nil	1500.00	1500.00	Dorm.	1	Own
108	Union.	10	2	12	21	23	17	3	30.00	Nil	97.39	Nil	2147.39	1300.00	Active	1	Own
116	St. Andrew's.	10	1	11	21	14	12	3	72.00	35.00	225.00	Nil	1400.00	200.00	Dorm.	1	Rent
133	McCreary.	12	2	14	11	27	18	2	44.04	43.84	33.28	Nil	827.28	400.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1944

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
48	Glenboro	12	1	13	19	31	15	9	77.00	98.10	389.95	60.00	329.95	350.00	Active	1	Rent
51	Treherne	11	2	13	17	21	11	..	.....	.....	54.29	.....	2054.29	1500.00	Active	1	Own
63	Holland	10	2	12	19	36	21	4	30.00	35.00	220.11	.....	820.11	300.00	Active	1	Rent
67	Wawanesa	13	3	16	14	34	20	7	106.00	35.25	349.61	.....	349.61	250.00	Active	1	Rent
82	Cypress	10	1	11	16	23	11	9	55.00	25.00	60.00	128.00	1212.00	1250.00	Active	1	Own
87	Rathwell	8	3	11	7	13	9	4	32.00	.....	183.26	11.95	471.31	300.00	Active	1	Rent
103	Crescent	9	3	12	13	45	25	2	30.00	80.15	59.09	.....	762.00	300.00	Active	1	Rent
109	Swan Lake	9	1	10	11	17	12	4	72.00	12.00	.....	136.04	124.46	200.00	Active	1	Rent
117	Strathcona	13	2	15	20	46	18	17	114.00	.....	.....	.....	1506.95	500.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1944

13	Morden	10	..	10	44	33	26	7	71.00	125.00	298.18	Nil	1200.00	500.00	Active	1	Rent
30	Manitou	10	2	12	27	28	15	4	47.00	139.89	214.59	Nil	2974.24	350.00	Active	1	Rent
36	Doric	11	2	13	21	58	19	11	119.00	64.40	290.20	Nil	2642.81	2500.00	Active	1	Own
50	Killarney	10	1	11	22	42	14	10	50.00	7.88	179.39	Nil	1381.24	250.00	Active	1	Rent
71	Crystal	12	4	16	16	33	21	3	47.00	Nil	193.88	Nil	643.88	Nil	Active	1	Rent
118	Mound	12	..	12	19	39	15	4	24.00	27.35	210.72	Nil	784.72	100.00	Active	1	Rent
150	Cartwright	11	..	11	14	18	14	7	77.00	54.80	186.46	Nil	561.46	200.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1944

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Members 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
14	Prince of Wales..	12	1	13	27	74	29	26	144.00	.....	118.72	591.28	6735.44	6000.00	Active	1	Own
15	Corinthian......	12	3	15	7	48	19	6	46.00	.....	514.12	.....	2914.12	1800.00	Active	1	Own
39	Birtle.........	11	..	11	15	27	13	7	45.00	.....	100.51	29.15	3033.00	1500.00	Active	1	Own
62	Russell.........	10	..	10	17	33	16	3	21.00	314.41	45.63	.....	1200.00	1200.00	Active	1	Rent
84	Hamiota.......	12	..	12	8	41	13	4	30.00	23.80	342.84	.....	342.84	200.00	Active	1	Rent
92	Shoal Lake.....	12	1	11	38	40	18	13	105.50	.....	258.55	189.90	2250.69	1500.00	Active	1	Own
101	Binscarth.......	10	1	11	11	18	8	22	240.00	13.00	140.45	213.10	796.90	500.00	Active	1	Rent
102	Miniota........	11	..	11	20	37	18	6	40.00	.....	180.32	.....	2825.32	1825.00	Active	1	Own
106	Strathclair.....	11	1	13	15	27	14	8	71.00	.....	265.62	46.14	1919.48	1300.00	Active	1	Own
115	Rivers.........	12	1	13	26	33	12	9	89.50	.....	955.44	.....	1100.00	1000.00	Active	1	Own
142	Harmony.......	9	..	9	10	18	11	13	70.00	.....	321.84	......	391.84	500.00	Active	1	Rent
152	Foxwarren......	12	1	13	9	28	14	4	29.00	2.80	167.20	.....	1800.00	1300.00	Active	1	Own

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1944

No. of Lodge	NAME	Reg.	Emer.	Total	Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Members 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
27	Glenwood.....	12	17	29	74	84	32	9	58.00	114.50	751.45	.....	10000.00	10000.00	Active	1	Own
40	Deloraine.......	12	3	15	36	34	22	5	35.00	52.00	440.41	.....	2928.41	689.00	Active	1	Rent
52	Hartney........	12	3	15	27	49	22	44	290.00	34.75	27.70	495.85	27.70	800.00	Active	1	Rent
54	Oriental........	11	1	12	12	40	20	4	23.25	60.00	224.67	242.02	1746.90	600.00	Active	1	Rent
77	Napinka.......	11	2	13	26	40	20	19	95.00	.....	186.93	.....	886.93	100.00	Active	1	Rent
86	Elgin.........	11	..	11	15	46	22	..	.....	.....	304.22	.....	664.22	.....	Active	1	Rent
104	Reston........	12	5	17	28	98	39	11	96.00	429.00	459.82	.....	8723.32	4500.00	Active	1	Own
110	Kilwinning.....	12	..	12	21	34	18	2	12.00	99.00	323.64	78.25	1207.39	300.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1944

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. Mem. 12 Mos. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
19	Brandon........	10	6	16	66	120	35	5	246.00	149.26	1192.09	735.59	8972.15	300.00	Active	1	Rent
43	Lebanon........	11	4	15	51	47	27	1	86.95	201.05	358.38	187.10	1058.23	300.00	Active	1	Rent
44	Oak Lake........	8	1	9	12	20	..	..	47.00	40.00	513.57	.....	2000.00	1300.00	Active	1	Own
64	Composite......	9	2	11	19	28	20	13	78.00	.....	120.16	.....	1697.97	.....	Active	1	Own
74	Elkhorn........	11	3	14	23	21	13	6	51.00	.....	283.27	132.50	150.77	2500.00	Active	1	Own
107	Lansdowne......	9	4	13	10	32	18	31	380.00	46.70	139.68	.....	500.00	540.00	Active	1	Rent
113	Tweed	10	12	22	76	158	35	47	312.00	208.58	316.98	237.25	18338.98	.....	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1944

6	Emerson........	12	2	14	28	33	17	3	131.00	.....	639.11	.....	5139.11	3700.00	Active	1	Own
8	King Solomon...	10	4	14	33	33	20	1	16.00	.....	248.51	.....	1748.51	1500.00	Active	1	Own
55	East Star......	8	2	10	32	7	5	8	209.25	.....	244.26	60.32	1539.91	900.00	Active	1	Own
70	Shiloh..... ...	10	1	11	22	49	25	1	44.00	15.00	305.00	.....	3555.00	250.00	Active	1	Rent
90	Midlothian.....	9	..	9	27	38	18	16	300.00	.....	450.25	.....	950.25	500.00	Active	1	Rent
120	Penza..........	8	..	8	10	23	10	..	60.00	.....	178.46	.....	1678.46	1500.00	Active	1	Own
125	Patricia........	12	1	13	12	19	17	1	76.00	.....	277.13	65.00	812.13	300.00	Active	1	Rent
132	Sprague........	9	..	9	14	10	7	4	106.00	.....	43.00	.....	543.00	500.00	Active	1	Rent
155	Carman..	10	1	11	10	48	25	..	24.00	.....	189.98	.....	814.48	500.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1944

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
68	Vermillion......	10	3	13	73	99	..	24	149.21	169.04	464.25	224.00	6406.76	2000.00	Active	1	Rent
94	Hiram..........	11	1	12	20	50	..	4	20.00	.....	323.25	154.50	2715.50	1750.00	Active	1	Own
100	Robbie Burns....	12	0	12	12	18	..	7	54.00	.....	82.41	62.00	488.00	200.00	Active	1	Rent
105	Prince Arthur...	12	3	15	26	43	..	5	70.00	10.00	155.20	.....	.....	450.00	Active	1	Rent
122	Roblin.........	12	3	15	9	33	..	1	10.00	.....	206.60	.....	1390.00	750.00	Active	1	Own
126	Favel..........	11	1	12	9	30	..	15	100.00	.....	214.58	850.00	750.00	1500.00	Active	1	Own
128	Victory........	9	2	11	15	25	..	11	77.00	.....	94.16	.....	300.00	300.00	Active	1	Rent
147	Jubilee........	12	2	14	21	30	..	17	111.00	10.00	213.94	46.75	427.19	100.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1944

2	Lisgar.........	11	4	15	36	77	31	..	140.00	.....	159.78	.....	3000.00	2700.00	Active	1	Own
12	Stonewall......	12	1	13	34	58	30	6	48.00	130.74	149.00	30.00	2367.00	1400.00	Active	1	Own
112	Ophir..........	12	1	13	8	49	15	7	52.00	20.00	12.26	.....	4352.00	4300.00	Active	1	Own
123	Transcona......	10	5	15	20	108	31	11	428.00	118.00	347.65	.....	2943.52	500.00	Active	1	Rent
131	Kildonan.......	9	2	11	11	83	34	14	172.50	181.25	749.25	103.17	3998.29	4500.00	Active	1	Own
134	Stony Mountain..	11	..	..	30	17	11	8	90.00	20.00	235.89	.....	2535.89	1400.00	Active	1	Own
148	Seven Oaks.....	10	1	11	14	76	37	12	103.00	35.50	108.37	99.45	5723.13	1000.00	Active	1	Rent
151	The Dormer....	9	1	10	5	44	24	4	40.00	80.04	146.82	30.00	1629.79	500.00	Active	1	Rent
154	Pine Falls......	12	1	13	18	28	11	3	14.00	35.00	153.64	54.50	1814.94	400.00	Active	1	Rent
156	Manitouwapa ...	8	3	11	11	41	22	..	.....	29.43	445.08	58.75	994.89	500.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1944

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held Reg.	Emer.	Total	Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Litbilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
130	Fort Garry	9	4	13	41	150	60	28	303.00	252.05	225.99	256.42	4325.62	1000.00	Active	1	Rent
136	Capitol	10	5	15	32	138	50	31	260.00	225.00	560.32	.....	1700.00	1000.00	Active	1	Rent
137	Lord Selkirk	9	0	9	22	77	37	17	160.00	116.50	786.22	105.00	4069.40	250.00	Active	1	Rent
138	Windsor	9	1	10	17	103	44	16	315.50	.....	234.54	682.00	14080.94	12000.00	Active	1	Own
139	Beaver	9	3	12	69	152	55	35	277.60	400.00	642.48	165.00	4056.75	500.00	Active	1	Rent
140	Meridian	9	3	12	48	211	75	50	480.00	290.21	573.89	346.00	10949.50	500.00	Active	1	Own
141	Tuscan	10	..	10	17	56	25	11	94.75	193.63	400.96	.....	1475.71	350.00	Active	1	Rent
143	Mount Sinai	9	..	9	29	188	60	6	60.00	168.00	714.12	1107.82	7401.79	500.00	Active	1	Rent
144	Fort Osborne	9	3	12	31	87	40	13	130.15	152.41	344.29	185.00	3171.30	500.00	Active	1	Rent
145	Sturgeon Creek	9	5	14	20	76	55	2	16.00	117.70	80.00	.....	2515.28	400.00	Active	1	Rent
146	Fidelity	9	3	12	7	121	42	10	100.00	238.84	804.42	100.00	3870.09	200.00	Active	1	Own

STATISTICAL REPORT OF LODGES UNDER SPECIAL SUPERVISION OF THE M.W. THE GRAND MASTER FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1944.

124	The Pas	10	3	13	48	48	..	18	187.00	....	7.50	10974.47	1306.15	6400.00	Active	1	Own
153	Flin Flon	10	10	20	46	53	..	8	60.00	....	150.00	2789.52	6204.25	5000.00	Active	1	Own

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
Alabama	Guy T. Smith	Montgomery
Alberta	George Moore	Calgary
Alpina	F. Muller-Ruegg	Berne, Switzerland
Arizona	Harry A. Drachman	Tucson
Arkansas	W. A. Thomas	Little Rock
British Columbia	W. R. Simpson	Vancouver—692 Seymour Ave.
California	Lloyd E. Wilson	San Francisco
Canada (in Ontario)	Ewart G. Dixon	Hamilton, P.O. Drawer 217
Chili	Rene Court	Santiago
Colombia	Jose G. Fabre Americo Carnicelli (Ext.)	Bogota, Apartado 2519
Colorado	H. W. Bundy	Denver, 319 Masonic Temple.
Connecticut	Winthrop Buck	Hartford
Costa Rica	Enrique Chaves Bolanos	San Jose, Apt. "Y"
Cuba	Dr. Constantino Pais	Havana, Apartado 72
Delaware	Chester R. Jones	Wilmington, 813 Market St.
Denmark	A. T. K. Troedsson	Copenhagen, 23 Blegdamsvej.
District of Columbia	Aubrey H. Clayton	Washington, D. C.
Equador	Jose A. Vallejo Ycaza	Guayaquil
England	Sydney A. White	London
Egypt	Mohammed Bey Riffatt	Cairo, Box 148
Florida	Geo. W. Huff	Jacksonville (2)
France, G. L.		
France, N. G. L.		
Guatamala	Pedro Donis O.	Guatamala City
Georgia	Daniel W. Locklin	Macon
Honduras, C. A.	Constantino S. Ramos	Honduras, C. A.
Idaho	Clyde I. Rush	Boise, P.O. Box 1667
Illinois	R. C. Davenport	Harrisburg
Indiana	William H. Swintz	Indianapolis
Iowa	Earl B. Dalzell	Cedar Rapids
Ireland	Henry C. Shellard	Dublin
Kansas	Elmer F. Strain	Topeka
Kentucky	Al. E. Orton	Louisville, 200 Shubert Bldg.
Louisiana	D. Peter Laguens Jr.	New Orleans
Maine	Convers E. Leach	Portland
Manitoba	J. H. G. Russell	Winnipeg
Maryland	Claud Shaffer	Baltimore
Massachusetts	Frank H. Hilton	Boston, 51 Boylston Ave.
Mexico, York G. D.	Fred T. Berger	Mexico City, D.F. Apt. 1896.
Michigan	F. Homer Newton	Grand Rapids
Minnesota	John H. Anderson	St. Paul
Mississippi	Sid. F. Curtis	Meridian, Box 1030
Missouri	Harold L. Reader	Kansas City
Montana	Luther T. Hauberg	Helena
Nebraska	Lewis E. Smith	Omaha
Netherlands		
Nevada	E. C. Peterson	Carson City, 500 Mountain St.
New Brunswick	R. D. Magee	Saint John, P.O. Box 430.
New Hampshire	J. Melvin Dresser	Concord, 44 S. Main St.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES—Continued

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
New Jersey	Isaac Cherry	Trenton
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque
New South Wales	Jas. S. Miller	Sydney
New York	Charles H. Johnson	New York
New Zealand	H. A. Lamb	Christchurch, C. I. P.O. Box 1293
North Carolina	John H. Anderson	Raleigh
North Dakota	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo
Northern China, D.G.L.		
Norway		
Nova Scotia	R. V. Harris	Halifax
Ohio	Harry S. Johnson	Cincinnati
Oklahoma	Claude A. Sturgeon	Guthrie
Oregon	Harry D. Proudfoot	Portland
Panama	Andres Mojica	Panama, Apartado 84
Paraiba	Augusto de Almeida Simoes	Paraiba Brazil, P.O. Box 3
Pennsylvania	Matthew Galt, Jr.	Philadelphia
Philippine Islands		
Puerto Rico	Rodolfo Ramirez Pabon	San Juan
Prince Edward Island	L. A. McDougall	Charlottetown, P.O. Box 112.
Quebec	W. W. Williamson	Montreal
Queensland	Leslie P. Marks	Brisbane, Box 675K, G.P.O.
Rhone Island	H. L. McAuslan	Providence
Rio de Janeiro	Dionysio Coutinho	Rio de Janeiro, P.O. Box 2215
Santa Domingo	Jose Marie Perez Andujar	Santa Domingo
Saskatchewan	Robert A. Tate	Regina
Sao Paulo	Joffre Prestes	Sao Paulo, Brazil, P.O. Box 261
Scotland	W. King Gillies	Edinburgh, 96 George St.
South Africa	F. L. Knight	Cape Town
South Australia	R. Owen Fox	Adelaide
South Carolina	O. Frank Hart	Columbia
South Dakota	E. F. Strain	Sioux Falls
Tasmania	W. H. Strutt	Hobart
Tennessee	Thomas E. Doss	Nashville, P.O. Box 216
Texas	George H. Belew	Waco
Utah	E. R. Gibson	Salt Lake City
Vermont	Aaron H. Grout	Burlington
Victoria	William Stewart	Melbourne, 25 Collins St.
Vienna		
Virginia	James F. Clift	Richmond
Washington	John L. Preisener	Tacoma
West Virginia	I. Wade Coffman	Charleston, P.O. Box 2346
Western Australia	A. E. Jensen	Perth, Box d-117, G.P.O.
Wisconsin	William F. Weiler	Milwaukee
Wyoming	Irving E. Clark	Casper

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
Alabama	Chas. H. Stubinger	Birmingham	Mar. 10, 1937
Alberta	Samuel Harris	High Prairie	Jan. 2, 1941
Alpina	Wm. Planta	Berne, Switzerland	Sept. 2, 1941
Arizona	Rev. Robt. S. Calder	Phoenix	Jan. 31, 1940
Arkansas	John H. Pinson	El-Dorado	Mar. 27, 1925
British Columbia	Donald Adams	Revelstoke	Oct. 13, 1930
Canada (in Ontario)	Chas. S. Hamilton	Toronto	Mar. 22, 1944
Chili	Artouro de la Cruz	Santiago	Oct. 14, 1929
Colombia	Alfred G. Williams	Bogota	Nov. 24, 1942
Colorado	Ira C. Foster	Montrose	Feb. 24, 1940
Connecticut	Willard A. Hunt	Forestville	April 22, 1939
Costa Rica	Eric C. Murray	San Jose	Aug. 1, 1921
Cuba, Island of	Thomas C. Sierria	Havana	June 6, 1923
Delaware	Louis S. Cain	Wilmington	Jan. 29, 1927
Denmark	C. E. Monrath-Oxholm	Copenhagen	Aug. 7, 1931
District of Columbia	Needham C. Tumage	Washington	July 20, 1908
Ecuador	Octavio Moran	Guayaquil	July 21, 1932
England	The Rt. Hon. Viscount de Vesci	Monk Hopton, Bridgnorth	Nov. 25, 1939
Egypt	Alfred Seffer	Cairo	Dec. 8, 1925
Florida	Frank H. Brown	Miami	April 2, 1940
France, G.L.	Louis Doignon	Paris	Nov. 29, 1926
France, N.G.L.	J. C. D. Scarlett	Paris	April 26, 1936
Guatemala	Carlos A. Gieseler	Guatemala	June 10, 1925
Georgia	John A. Bishop	Atlanta	Feb. 1, 1933
Honduras	Jesus M. Lopez	Honduras	Dec. 1, 1931
Idaho	Neil R. Fitch	Payette	Dec. 9, 1941
Illinois	G. Haven Stephens	Danville	Aug. 30, 1924
Indiana	Harry J. Beers	New Albany	Feb. 5, 1945
Ireland	David Ferris	Newry	Nov. 1, 1921
Kansas	Harold B. Groff	Topeka	Sept. 18, 1936
Kentucky	John L. Vest	Walton	Aug. 15, 1927
Louisiana	Thomas Gessner	Hammond	May 10, 1940
Maine	Porter A. Roberts	Portland	July 20, 1937
Maryland	Chas. Reichhardt	Baltimore	Feb. 5, 1944
Massachusetts	Edwin O. Childs	Newton	Nov. 5, 1936
Mexico, York G.L.	R. B. E. Turnbull	Mexico City	July 6, 1933
Michigan	Louis Anderson	Omena	June 1, 1932
Minnesota	Lloyd Peabody	St. Paul	Nov. 29, 1931
Mississippi	A. F. Copeland	Leland	April 19, 1932
Missouri	Harris C. Johnston	Boonville	Nov. 16, 1936
Montana	W. J. Johnston	Thompson Falls	July 8, 1937
Nebraska	Ernest C. Purdy	Gordon	July 7, 1943
Netherlands	K. G. Jorksveld	Utrecht	Feb. 2, 1939
Nevada	Sam. P. Kafoury	Reno	June 2, 1933
New Brunswick	Alfred Page	Woodstock	April 14, 1939
New Hampshire	Donald W. Hopkins	Greenfield	Aug. 27, 1943
New Jersey	James F. Russell	Jersey City	April 1, 1923
New Mexico	Earl A. Turner	Las Vegas	July 8, 1937
New South Wales	E. E. Cupit	Sydney	Oct. 13, 1923
New York	Julius N. Hoff	Brooklyn	Mar. 15, 1945
New Zealand	Gilbert T. Bull	Gisborne	Oct. 15, 1909
North Carolina	J. L. Peacock	Tarboro	July, 1935

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES—Continued

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
North Dakota	Paul B. Griffiths	Grand Forks	Jan. 5, 1939
Norway	Jas. W. Berg	Oslo	Nov. 1, 1924
Nova Scotia	Rev. G. R. Thompson	Truro	May 18, 1943
Ohio	Forest R. Dwyer	Bradford	July 28, 1943
Oklahoma	Lyle H. Ball	Laverne	Jan. 12, 1943
Oregon	Wilmot K. Royal	Portland	Dec. 4, 1933
Panama	Raymond L. Toledano	Panama	Dec. 1, 1926
Paraiba	Dr. Arlindo Correa	Paraiba, Brazil	July 10, 1939
Philippine Islands	Gonzalo T. Vales	Manila	Feb. 6, 1940
Puerto Rico	Leon G. Reyes	Caguas	May 4, 1945
Prince Edward Island	Donald Baker	Summerside	May 8, 1936
Quebec	W. R. Allen	Montreal	Jan. 14, 1918
Queensland	William K. McLuckie	Brisbane	June 1, 1923
Rhode Island	Jas. B. Littlefield	Providence	Sept. 18, 1943
Rio de Janeiro	L. Bert Love	Rio de Janeiro	Nov. 11, 1944
Sao Paulo	Carlos Reis Filho	Sao Paulo, Brazil	Jan. 5, 1939
Saskatchewan			
Scotland	Rev. Hugh F. Reid	Chirnside	Jan. 8, 1930
South Australia	E. J. Copping	Adelaide	Aug. 1, 1930
South Carolina	William W. Gregory	Inman	May 15, 1934
South Dakota	W. D. Swain	Sioux Falls	Jan. 15, 1937
Tasmania	R. V. W. Green	Launceston	April 24, 1928
Tennessee	Ira Parker	Nashville	Mar. 1, 1932
Texas	J. W. Pender	Denton	Mar. 1, 1931
Utah	R. W. Macdonald	Park City	April 7, 1938
Vermont	A. Horace Winchester	Brattleboro	Jan. 5, 1944
Victoria	Edgar J. Carter	Melbourne	Sept. 10, 1934
Virginia	R. A. Hutchison	Manassas	Mar. 27, 1942
Washington	A. E. Emerson	Ellenburg	Dec. 8, 1916
West Virginia	Charles B. Ahrens	Wheeling	Aug. 17, 1939
Western Australia	Arthur G. Stiles	Perth	Aug. 16, 1934
Wisconsin	Ray H. Watson	Milwaukee	May 1, 1939

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
Alabama	Francis H. Dagg	Holland	Mar. 31, 1920
Alberta	Hugh M. Kerr	Brandon	Nov. 25, 1930
Alpina (Switzerland)	W. C. Birt	Winnipeg	Oct. 22, 1930
Arizona	Oliver L. Best	Winnipeg	Mar. 29, 1944
Arkansas	Jas. D. Harrower	Wawanesa	Feb. 25, 1941
British Columbia	Rev. Chas. E. Somerset	Selkirk	June 10, 1924
Canada (in Ontario)	W. D. Lawrence	Winnipeg	Sept. 13, 1940
Chili	N. J. Black	Winnipeg	May 13, 1920
Colombia	T. W. Neelands	Swan River	Feb. 12, 1939
Colorado	K. R. Kennedy	Winnipeg	Mar. 5, 1938
Connecticut	M. S. Donovan	Brandon	May 21, 1935
Costa Rica	R. McKenzie	Roland	May 30, 1923
Cuba, Island of	J. Morgan Davies	Winnipeg	May 27, 1940
Delaware	John Coulter	Treherne	April 2, 1915
Denmark	Stanley H. Fahrni	Portage la Prairie	Oct. 17, 1930
District of Columbia	A. H. Steventon	Winnipeg	May 18, 1932
Ecuador	C. Weichman	Treherne	June 1935
Egypt	Edward T. Hardman	Newdale	June 2, 1934
England	Justice Wm. J. Major	Winnipeg	June 12, 1935
Florida	S. Hart Green	Winnipeg	April 30, 1945
France, N.G.L.			
France, G.L.			
Guatemala	J. J. Sinclair	Winnipeg	
Georgia	J. H. G. Russell	Winnipeg	June 1, 1928
Honduras	A. G. Cowan	Winnipeg	Oct. 17, 1930
Idaho	D. A. Best	Sturgeon Creek	Apr. 21, 1945
Illinois	William R. Leslie	Morden	June 21, 1931
Indiana	Robert E. Emmett	St. James	April 3, 1944
Ireland	John T. Boyd	Winnipeg	Oct. 3, 1935
Kansas	Jabez Miller	Winnipeg	June 15, 1914
Kentucky	Jas. L. Lawson	Winnipeg	June 24, 1927
Louisiana	Charles E. Cole	Portage la Prairie	Feb. 28, 1938
Maine	W. D. Harper	Emerson	Jan. 19, 1937
Maryland			
Massachusetts	Hugh A. Innes	Winnipeg	May 1, 1945
Mexico, York G.L.	M. A. Nitikman	Winnipeg	May 23, 1940
Michigan	Dr. O. S. Ross	Virden	Mar. 1, 1941
Minnesota	Ben C. Parker	Winnipeg	Jan. 13, 1938
Mississippi	Peter T. Pilkey	Winnipeg	Feb. 9, 1945
Missouri	Maris H. Garton	Winnipeg	Jan. 31, 1934
Montana	M. S. Watson	Deloraine	Feb. 26, 1941
Nebraska	Hugh Mackenzie	Winnipeg	Nov. 15, 1935
Netherlands	A. L. Crossin	Winnipeg	July 9, 1921
Nevada	Thomas A. Argue	Winnipeg	June 10, 1924
New Brunswick	Canon Geo. R. Calvert	Winnipeg	April 27, 1938
New Hampshire	George Hunter	Winnipeg	Dec. 6, 1926
New Jersey	Wm. G. Corbett	Stonewall	May 27, 1940
New Mexico	H. B. Donnelly	St. Vital	July 1937
New South Wales	James Mackie	Winnipeg	June 10, 1921
New York	Rev. Geo. A. Woodside	Winnipeg	May 14, 1932
New Zealand	Samuel Burland	St. Vital	Mar. 22, 1937
North Carolina	Robert Peel	Miniota	Sept. 4, 1941
North Dakota	J. Frank Dart	McKenzie Island	Jan. 18, 1937
Norway	J. P. McKinnon	MacGregor	Oct. 24, 1920
Nova Scotia	David S. Woods	Winnipeg	Oct. 13, 1926
Ohio	Arthur E. Boyle	Winnipeg	June 10, 1924

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA—Continued

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
Oklahoma	Harry M. Smith	Melita	Feb. 24, 1941
Oregon	J. James Henderson	Shoal Lake	June 20, 1924
Paraiba	Wm. L. Cann	Virden	Aug. 1938
Philippine Islands			
Panama	Hon. I. B. Griffith	Binscarth	Oct. 23, 1926
Puerto Rico	George V. Henderson	Strathclair	July 5, 1941
Prince Edward Island	Thomas R. Falconer	Deloraine	May 7, 1931
Quebec	Harvey T. Waters	Winnipeg	May 17, 1940
Queensland	Eli E. Spencer	Morden	Jan. 19, 1934
Rhode Island	John R. Stalker	Shoal Lake	Aug. 15, 1926
Rio de Janeiro			
Santa Domingo	William G. Shaw	Elgin	May 30, 1932
Saskatchewan	Alex. Burgess	Winnipeg	Jan. 21, 1937
Scotland	William Douglas	Winnipeg	1936
South Australia	Daniel Hawe	Benito	Jan. 14, 1931
South Carolina	Chas. R. Sayer	Winnipeg	May 20, 1940
South Dakota	Jas. Wardrope	Winnipeg	Apr. 10, 1945
Tasmania			
Tennessee	James S. MacEwing	Treherne	Oct. 15, 1913
Texas	H. G. Kilpatrick	Forrest	Feb. 14, 1941
Utah	Donald MacDonald	Ninette	May 24, 1941
Vermont	Dr. Frank K. Purdie	Griswold	May 13, 1932
Victoria	Raymond M. Snider	Stonewall	June 20, 1945
Vienna			
Virginia	Harry Woods	Winnipeg	Aug. 7, 1935
Washington	George R. Mackay	Winnipeg	May 20, 1929
West Virginia	David Griffith	St. Vital	Nov. 27, 1944
Western Australia			
Wisconsin	Norman M. Hall	Winnipeg	May 7, 1945

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

HUGH M. KERR
Chairman

The Following Reviews Cover
All Grand Lodge Proceedings
Received To June 30th, 1945

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Correspondence presents herewith its annual reviews of the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges.

It is noted that, with few exceptions, Grand Masters are exercising restraint in the matter of granting dispensations to enable applicants to evade the usual time limits in their progress through the Degrees.

In many Jurisdictions it is anticipated that the present trend toward an increase in membership in most countries will continue, and emphasis has been placed by numerous Grand Masters on the necessity of the most thorough work by the Investigating Committees of Lodges, so that quality and not quantity may be the watchword in the admission of new members. Evidently the lessons taught us in the last war are remembered.

Physical qualifications is also one of the paramount issues that is troubling many Grand Lodges and several favor a letting down of the present requirements.

The reading of these proceedings has been both instructive and interesting, and I have endeavored to bring to your attention those matters believed to be of interest to the brethren.

Fraternally submitted,

HUGH M. KERR,

Chairman.

GENERAL

SASKATCHEWAN. Grand Master. 1944

"During the First Great War a Grand Lodge Jurisdiction overseas invaded our Jurisdiction by presuming to make Masons of men from Saskatchewan without any consent on our part. Correspondence ensued and it was hoped that the offence would not occur again. But it has occurred and our Lodges now begin to find men who to us are cowans returning from overseas to their Saskatchewan domicile claiming to be Master Masons. It has been found also in some cases that inquiry as to character has been quite inadequate and that the men have no satisfactory knowledge of the work. I am firmly of opinion that these men should be treated as irregularly-made Masons and refused Lodge privileges until strict inquiry is made as to their fitness, until responsibility is assumed by the Lodge of their proper domicile and until all irregularity is healed by a special dispensation. I think it worth while to issue that word of warning to our Lodges."

NEBRASKA. Grand Master. 1944

"HOME" LODGE U.·.D.·.

"This Lodge was formed for the purpose of conducting Masonic funerals exclusively. They will hold their meetings at the Masonic Home, at such times as become necessary. They are not authorized to confer degrees or to function in any other manner, than as a Funeral Lodge. This idea is not new; such Funeral Lodges are found in several of our Grand Jurisdictions. The purpose of this Lodge is two-fold. First: it will relieve our beloved Superintendent of much labor in getting the Brethren from the Home to the hall of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, up the stairs, back down again and then repeating the process after the ceremony is completed. It also relieves the Lodge of the expense of lighting and heating their hall in winter for such purpose only, a burden they have cheerfully borne for many years. This U.·.D.·. Lodge will remain as such, no charter is contemplated being asked for.

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS

"I have appointed a committee of Past Grand Masters to study the matter of physical qualifications of candidates. However, I would like to give you my own view of the matter. Much variation is noted among the Grand Jurisdictions on this question. The crippled or naturally deficient man arouses our sympathy and compassion, but I do not think that we should depart from the ancient customs and admit such men to our ranks. The theory of the perfect youth is in itself a symbol that is worthy of being maintained.

"Today I believe we are of one mind in the opinion that the survival of Masonry is at stake in this war. We are spending a lot of money, in various ways through our own War Service Committee and through the Masonic Service Association Centers, to call the Masonic Fraternity, either directly or indirectly, to the attention of many who might not have thought about it before. Our sons receive letters from our committee stating we are proud of them, offering help in various ways. Replies are received from many, indicating a wish to become members. I am not critical of the committee; it simply cannot be otherwise from such efforts. These boys are fighting for the principles of Masonry. What is going to be our attitude to them, when they come home, minus a hand or a foot? Can we look them in the eye then and say: no, you cannot be one of us? I hope not! I therefore recommend that any member of the armed forces of the United States, who possessing all the other necessary qualifications; but who has suffered in battle against our enemies, the loss of physical faculty, will be eligible to petition our Lodges regardless of that condition. We cannot demand heroism today and ignore it tomorrow. Do not remove one moral test, but open our doors to those men who have defended your liberties, at such terrible sacrifice to themselves. Even with all the modern devices to enable them to function, there is still a great and lasting effect upon them. The number will never be so great as to endanger our charitable institutions, even though some of them may be forced to reside there."

MINNESOTA. Installation. 1944

M.W. Bro. Frank W. Matson presented a gavel, in behalf of the Grand Lodge, to M.W. Bro. Harry Woods, Past Grand Master of Manitoba, to be used by him in the Installation of Grand Officers to follow.

He thanked the Grand Lodge and Bro. Matson and expressed the hope that he could visit this Grand Lodge every year as long as he lived.

The Grand Officers elect and appointed were then installed by M.W. Bro. Harry Woods, Past Grand Master of Manitoba, assisted by the following from Manitoba: M.W. Bro. William Douglas, as Grand Marshal; M.W. Bro. George R. Calvert, as Grand Chaplain, and M.W. Bros. William D. Lawrence, John T. Boyd, Ben C. Parker, and R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey.

The installation was done in a very dignified and impressive manner and was witnessed by a large number of the Brethren.

The Grand Secretary read a telegram from Past Grand Master Bertram S. Adams, of Hibbing, and letters from Star in the East Chapter No. 210, Order of the Eastern Star, signed by Vera M. Bakke, Worthy Matron, and Ida G. Bergeson, Secretary; Past Matrons' Club of the same Chapter, signed by Zella M. Coombe, President, and Ida N. Schultz, Secretary; Bethlehem Shrine No. 2, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, signed by Nona Mitchell, as Worthy High Priestess, and Ida N. Schultz, as Secretary, all congratulating the newly installed Grand Master, Dick A. Mitchell, and expressing best wishes for a happy and prosperous year.

M.W. Bro. William D. Lawrence, of Manitoba, presented the retiring Grand Master with the customary Past Grand Master's Jewel, appropriate remarks being made by both.

M.W. Bro. Ben C. Parker, Grand Master of Manitoba, congratulated the new Grand Master and other Grand Officers and in behalf of the good will that exists between the two Grand Lodges, asked M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd to present certificates of Honorary Past Grand Master of the Manitoba Grand Lodge to M.W. Bros. Ralph W. Stanford, Frank W. Matson, Chauncey C. Colton, and Wm. P. Sturtz. They all thanked Bro. Boyd and the Grand Lodge of Manitoba for the certificates and the honor conferred upon them.

KANSAS. Grand Master. 1944

"Modern historians seem inclined to treat history not as a bare statement of facts, but as events which have happened because of the influences which have been at work behind the scenes. They treat of trends and not of battles. They emphasize the background of certain movements and mention the battle only as the culminating day of final decision, on the one hand, or the part which the battle plays in some event which may take place long after the grass has blanketed the resting place of the dead. In a similar manner we should like to consider for a moment our situation with regard to Freemasonry.

"We say that we are an ancient and honourable society. We know that for many centuries our Order existed as an operative guild, but we are not primarily concerned with operative art. We labour as Speculative Masons and as such we are drawn to England in the early eighteenth century when Freemasonry as a speculative science came into being. This was indeed a proper setting for a science concerned with individual endeavour.

"One of our historical writers says: 'The history of no other people affords such an illustration of a steadily progressive national development from seed to blossom, compelled by one persistent force. Freedom in England has unfolded like a plant from life within; one leaf after another freeing itself from the detaining force. Only a few more remain and we shall behold the flower of fourteen centuries in which the most practical nation in the world has steadily pursued an ideal—the ideal of individual freedom subordinated only to the good of the whole!'

"Speculative Masonry is concerned with this freedom of the individual. It came into being during that period in England when this struggle was at its height. It immediately found a fertile soil in colonial America and was adopted by the leading men of the day and time. It appealed to the common man, for by its precepts he was taught that all men are created equal and have right of equal opportunity."

FLORIDA. Grand Master. 1944

WAITING PERIOD BEFORE APPLYING FOR OTHER DEGREES

"At the Grand Masters' Conference in Washington a paper was read and there was some discussion on the question:

> 'Should there be a required waiting period between the time the candidate receives the Master Mason degree and his making application for membership in the so-called "higher degrees?" '

"There are some jurisdictions which place some restrictions in this respect and, therefore, answer the question in the affirmative. The fact that it is raised and discussed at a national gathering shows that attention is being given to it.

"It is well known that some have sought admission within our portals in order that they may become Shriners. Others who were not so out-spoken evidently had the same aim, if we can judge their aims by their subsequent acts. The Blue Lodges seldom, if ever, see them after they have received the Master Mason degree.

"Often the haste to obtain the so-called 'higher degrees' is prompted by over-zealousness of members of the York and Scottish Rites to get new members. The newly-raised Mason, fresh with enthusiasm for Masonry, is solicited for membership in one or both bodies and is made to feel that he has only begun his Masonic journey when he is made a Master Mason, and that, in order to be a full-fledged Mason, he should go 'higher.'

"Right there I detour from the subject to say that no man is more of a Mason because he is a Knight Templar or a 33° Scottish Rite Mason. One does not become a 'higher Mason' because he attains to either or both degrees. One becomes a better Mason only as he lives up to the teachings of our Order. It is the soul's stature and not the Grand Master's jewel or the chapeau or the cap which one wears which makes him a higher Mason. I do not at all discount the beautiful teachings that are so remarkably exemplified or the promotion of Masonic living by these two rites. However, no one yet has plumbed the depths of the wells of Blue Lodge Masonry. 'Every ceremony has its mystical reference.' Yet, how many rush on through and have no conception of any symbolic construction.

"Now, to return to the main road—I am informed that in some Lodges there are those who are sure to attend the meetings every night that the Master Mason degree is conferred. They seldom attend any other. They solicit the new Masons for membership before they leave the Lodge room. This practice is not confined to one or the other of the two rites. Members in both are given to the practice, though in different Lodges. These practices do not add anything to the dignity of Masonry and they surely are not countenanced by those in authority. But they go on. Even if they did not exist, it would be advisable for every Master Mason to be well grounded in the principles of symbolic Masonry before his mind is directed elsewhere. They would make better material for these two rites and it is less likely that they would lose their members later. Freemasonry in the Blue Lodges and in the York and Scottish Rites has enough of the sublime and soul-searching in its teachings to challenge the best in every member of the Craft. All can play an essential part in ushering in the brotherhood of man. Therefore, the cordial relations which exist among them all should, and will continue, for we are all Masons.

"If the responsibility and power rested in me to give an answer to the question whether there should be a waiting time, I would answer 'Yes.' Some have raised the further question as to the power of this Grand Lodge to enact such legislation. Let there be no doubt in the mind of anyone that it has the power. I, therefore, make the following recommendation:

" 'That this Grand Lodge provide by regulation that no member of any Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction shall make application for membership in any York Rite or Scottish Rite Body, or organization, or petition for any degree in either or any of them, until he shall have been a Master Mason for a period of twelve months; that all petitions to particular Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction for initiation, affiliation or reinstatement shall contain a statement of the petitioner that he will abide by such a regulation.' "

(Action deferred until next Annual Communication.)

VICTORIA (Australia). Board of General Purposes. 1943

"Consequent on the admission of American soldiers as candidates or joining members in Victorian Lodges, the Board has examined the position from the point of view both of the soldiers concerned and of the effect of such admissions upon our Fraternal relations with the American Grand Lodges.

"Almost every Grand Lodge in the United States of America jealously insists upon a strict observance of the purely American doctrine of 'exclusive territorial jurisdiction' over all Masonic potentials resident within its boundaries and would resent the acceptance as a candidate by another Grand Lodge of a person resident within its own territory, regarding it as an invasion of its jurisdiction, and a decidedly unfraternal action. It might even decline to recognize the candidate, unless previously it had given the other Grand Lodge a 'waiver' for that particular case. Some Grand Lodges hold that, constitutionally, they cannot give a waiver, whilst many forbid dual membership.

"In the interests of such candidates, who, on their return home, might find recognition withheld, or be regarded as clandestine, and of the maintenance of the excellent fraternal relations now existing, the Board expressed its earnest hope that, prior to the admission of any American citizen, either as a candidate or as a joining member, to any Lodge, there shall be a previous communication by the Lodge of all the circumstances to the Grand Secretary, so that, unless already given, a waiver of jurisdiction or other satisfactory consent may be obtained from the Grand Jurisdiction located at the place of legal residence of such candidate or joining member.

"In December, 1942, the United Grand Lodge of England decided that candidates who had been elected by lodges of other jurisdictions but who had been transferred overseas before the First Degree could be conferred upon them, could be Initiated in Lodges under the jurisdiction of that Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of Tasmania suggested the question of reciprocity for the Initiation of candidates elected by Lodges of other jurisdictions in cases where the candidates had been transferred before the First Degree could be conferred upon them. The question was then submitted to the Grand Lodges of Australia on the matter of reciprocity. The other Grand Lodges, with the exception of Queensland, opposed the idea of reciprocity between the Grand Lodges in Australia.

"A Sub-Committee, consisting of the V.W. President of the Board of General Purposes, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, V.W. Grand Inspector of Workings, and V.W. Bros. R. G. Ball and E. Ormond Baker, considered the matter, and recommended that this Grand Lodge reciprocate with the United Grand Lodge of England, for the duration of the war, to Initiate candidates of that jurisdiction who have been transferred overseas after having been elected as candidates for Initiation. It was decided that no action be taken in the matter of reciprocity between the Grand Lodges of the Commonwealth."

VICTORIA (Australia). Grand Master. 1943

WEARING OF MASONIC APRONS

"The V.W. Grand Inspector of Workings has reported that a great deal of confusion still exists in connection with the wearing of the Apron.

"A Pronouncement was made many years ago that when a dinner jacket or morning dress was worn the Apron must be placed outside the coat. A direction to this effect was also given in the Pronouncement of 26th March, 1942.

"Tylers of subordinate Lodges should be instructed that Brethren attending in ordinary dress must wear the Apron outside the coat as directed."

ADMISSION OF VISITORS

"Reports have been received that some Lodges are not using the prescribed cards for admission of visitors, personally known to be Freemasons, and that such visitors have not been properly vouched for.

"Each visitor who is introduced or vouched for by a Brother of the Craft when visiting a Lodge must complete one of these cards, which should be handed by the Tyler to the Inner Guard, who will announce the names of the visitors so vouched for, and the Brother who introduces or vouches for such visitor or visitors must indicate to the Master that he so vouches."

"Visitors Not Personally Introduced.—When a visitor attends a Lodge and is unknown to any of the members or Brethren present, greater care must be exercised to see that the provisions of Rule 130 of the Book or Constitutions are strictly complied with. Every care must be taken to examine such visitor and to request the production of the Certificate of the Grand Lodge to which he claims to belong, or other proper vouchers of his having been Initiated in a regular Lodge.

"In all cases, satisfactory proof of identity must be established."

"Identification Badges. In view of this requirement, and in order to save the production of a Grand Lodge Certificate by subscribing members of subordinate Lodges, when visiting a Lodge without an introduction by one of the members or Brethren present, the following form of identification badge has been approved"

United Grand Lodge of
A. F. & A. Masons of Victoria.

This is to certify that the Brother whose signature is appended is a financial Member of the above Order.

To..
Grand Secretary.

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(Member's Signature)

..................................Lodge............No....................

The issue of these membership badges will be controlled by Grand Lodge, and may be obtained only from the Grand Secretary's Office.

"So that this facility may be freely availed of, each Lodge should immediately secure an adequate number of these badges and issue one to each subscribing member on request."

PRESENCE OF NON-FREEMASONS AT FESTIVE BOARDS

"In April, 1931, and again in July, 1939, Pronouncement was made with regard to the presence of non-Freemasons at the Festive Board, when persons who are not Freemasons have been allowed to take part in connection with entertainments at the Festive Board of subordinate Lodges.

"Such a practice is wrong, and must not be permitted.

"During the past four years this practice seems to have been further developed. I therefore enjoin each Lodge to take special care that no person except a Freemason shall take part in entertainments at the Festive Board."

MASONIC DRESS

"The Board of General Purposes views with much concern reports indicating a serious lack of propriety displayed by some Brethren in their choice of attire at Lodge meetings.

"Attention is directed to the Pronouncement of 25th March, 1942, regarding optional dress, and in particular to the wish expressed then by the M.W. Grand Master, that Brethren who elect to wear ordinary dress should endeavour to preserve as great a degree of uniformity as possible by wearing dark suits.

"While it is recognized that circumstances do not always favour entire compliance with this request, it is imperative that the dress adopted be essentially formal in character, and it cannot be too strongly emphasized that the practice of wearing sports clothes, or other semi-undress attire, at Lodge meetings, must not be countenanced or permitted.

"I know that I can rely on the Worshipful Masters of subordinate Lodges to correct any improper tendencies in this direction, and to do all in their power to preserve that distinctive sense of propriety of dress, speech (including conversations between individual Brethren) and behaviour, which should characterize all Masonic assemblies."

VICTORIA (Australia). Grand Master. 1943

"May I refer briefly to one of the responsibilities of a Grand Master which is little known, but which takes up a good deal of time, and in some cases involves much thought and consideration. I refer to the cases, which are much more frequent than most people imagine, where objections are raised by individual Freemasons to the Initiation of particular candidates. Each of these cases has to be considered carefully, and a just decision, so far as that is possible, has to be made. To one not unaccustomed to making decisions upon evidence, this task is one of peculiar difficulty having regard to the fact that the ordinary rules are observed. As you know, the objections are made under the cover of secrecy, and are regarded as strictly confidential. Not only can they not be disclosed to the candidate, who thus has no real opportunity of testing or refuting them; but they cannot even be communicated to his proposer and seconder, nor to the members of the Lodge. It has been my practice, as well I think as that of my predecessors, to give the benefit of any doubt not to the candidate, who is in the position of the accused, but to the Craft to which he seeks admission. The result must necessarily be unsatisfactory in some cases when judged by ordinary standards as they prevail in our Courts of Law; but that is inevitable under the circumstances. In mentioning this, I desire to emphasize something which is not always understood and which is important, namely, that the staying of a candidate by the Grand Master casts no reflection whatever upon his proposer or seconder, or upon the members of the Lodge which may have elected to accept him. Experience of human nature shows that there are men who, in certain circles, bear the highest reputation, and yet whose unworthiness to be admitted to our Order may be well known to others. May I take this opportunity of expressing again the necessity for the strictest caution and care in the selection of candidates for this great Fraternity, whose strength will depend upon the character of its individual members."

ARIZONA. Grand Master. 1944

"If there is one answer to the enquiry, 'What is wrong with Masonry?' it must be found in our very own, our individual lack or refusal to assume a personal responsibility to Masonry. If we would ask ourselves frequently, 'Am I my Brother's Keeper?' and then look about us to see what we could do to brighten the lives of those around us, we would be doing Masonry a service and this would bring us a little closer together in our efforts to uplift humanity—we might attend a brothers' funeral, we might call on a sick brother, we might help a widow, give a kind word to janitor or newsboy—yes, in a hundred little ways make Masonry a part of our daily lives, ever remembering to be tolerant, for George Washington and every Masonic leader since his time demanded as a basis of unity and fellowship, freedom of thought and speech.

> 'We are travelling to a destiny that makes us all brothers,
> No one can travel his way alone;
> The things we put into the lives of others
> Will come back into our own.' "

NEW ZEALAND. Board of General Purposes. 1943

OFFICE OF GRAND TYLER

"At the 1942 Annual Communication R.W. Bro. E. J. Guiness, P. Prov. G.M., drew attention to the fact that, so far as he was aware, the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was the only Grand Lodge which had no such office as Grand Tyler.

"The Grand Master asked the incoming Board of General Purposes to consider adding such an office to the list of Grand Officers.

"After due consideration the Board makes the following recommendation:

" 'That the appointment of a Grand Tyler be made, and preferably that the office be allotted annually to that centre where the next ensuing Annual Communication is to be held; and that the Grand Registrar be requested to frame the necessary alterations or additions to the Laws of Grand Lodge to give effect to the creation of the said office.'

"The proposed amendments to the Laws of Grand Lodge have been prepared and will be submitted at this Communication of Grand Lodge."

NEW ZEALAND. Grand Master. 1943

"It seems to me that of all men, we of the Masonic Fraternity have a heavy responsibility because, our Order having the background of religion — the foundation and fundamentals of a really true brotherhood with freedom of thought and conscience through all its structures — we, its members, are the custodians of the tools and formulae required to build and rebuild the world that must be, if there is to continue real enlightenment, progress, and uplift. War problems have arisen which at first seemed insurmountable, but they have been faced and overcome with unparalleled courage. But will our problems all be solved and cease when the bells ring out the glad tidings that an honourable peace has been declared? Surely the ideals for which Freemasonry stands will be needed as never before to master our post-war problems even as they are needed today.

"What brings war? Misunderstandings, animosity, bitterness—all those hateful things which Freemasonry strives to eliminate from every stratum of civilization. What will ensure a lasting peace? Love, understanding, toleration, charitableness, brotherly kindness—all the qualities which Freemasonry endeavours to foster and shed abroad.

"Peace will bring its dangers and complex problems of reconstruction—economic and social, national and international. We as individuals in our nation, as members of our great Institution, have an important part to play, for as units we make up the nation. Leaders will be needed, and out of any society who should be better able to provide such than Freemasonry—men with breadth of courage, resolution, masterful thinkers, men of character with hearts of brotherly love for the welfare of humanity who can steer our nation away from the many pitfalls of the past into which, alas, civilization has so often fallen with heartbreaking results. In this tragic hour in history, we who believe in Masonry and its efficacy in human affairs must consecrate ourselves anew to the task of strengthening the agency through which we express our Masonic faith. This agency is not a new one for us. It has existed for centuries and has served us well in periods of darkness and in times of happiness. Recognizing the importance of Masonic life and its value as a medium for moral and spiritual regeneration, we must dedicate ourselves with renewed effort to the development of the great potentialities inherent in this Institution, so as to make of it a real force in the motivation of human conduct. This is the only path by which we may have hope to mitigate, and in time to overcome the antagonism, the bitterness and the prejudices which afflict the world, and help restore a sense of comity among nations and a feeling of brotherhood among men.

"Freemasonry is a philosophical science, a system on intuition, most vividly portraying an upright life through the medium of emblems and symbolic instructions. It puts in our consciousness a faith that supplements hope, a faith to which we may cling through changing fortunes, through vicissitudes of life, a faith that will endure and console when all else fails. 'Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.' Faith is the mind at its best, its bravest, its fiercest. The great men of history have been men who believed in their cause like giants. Faith is power, the very heroism and enterprise of intellect. Ours is the task to combat every iota of propoganda advanced to defeat our progress, to defend the basic truths of Masonry.

"Difficult days still lie ahead—days that will test our nation, our manhood, ourselves. Let us fortify ourselves to meet the many ordeals we may be called upon to face in every walk of life, and also contribute our part to alleviate the lot of suffering humanity and thus by example strengthen our fellow-men.

"May we today pledge ourselves anew to greater efforts in support of every cause that will hasten the end of this terrible conflict, and when it is over and our boys come home they shall know that we have been worthy of them and that while they bore the heat and burden of the day we also carried on and together have kept the lamps of freedom trimmed and burning brightly as a beacon of hope to the oppressed and suffering peoples of the earth, against the day when the Fatherhood of God shall be universally recognized and the Brotherhood of Man become a blessed reality.

"A new day will be born when the monster created by men, motivated by greed, avarice, and the desire for power shall fall apart and its reign of bloodshed, ruthlessness, and bestial cruelty will be no more—a new day when the Sun, the glory of the Lord, will again rise in the heavens with healing in its wings, bringing peace and happiness to all mankind, when the yoke of the oppressor shall be torn from the necks of enslaved people, the guilty shall be punished, and peace and good-will re-established among the people of the earth. May the day be not far distant when such wishful thoughts will be transformed into actual realities, and as we await the Dawn let us face the problems and perplexities of the day with confidence and faith in the omnipotent power of Him who said. 'Be of good courage,' 'Fear not; I will help thee,' 'I will not fail thee nor forsake thee.' "

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. Board of General Purposes. 1943

PLUMPING AT ELECTIONS OF GRAND LODGE

"Following the annual elections in April, the question has again arisen relating to the right of a Brother to plump for a candidate for office. Fortunately, after an analysis of the voting papers, it was found that plumping was not so common as may have been expected from reports received. The Board, however, desires to reiterate the opinion of a former Grand Master that the practice should be discouraged as one detrimental to the best interests of the Craft.

"Relying on the wise descrimination of the members, the Board hopes it will not be necessary to amend the Constitution to enforce what has been almost entirely acceptable since the establishment of the Grand Lodge, namely, to vote for the required number of candidates as shown on the ballot paper."

CONFERENCE OF SECRETARIES

"Although the annual meeting of Secretaries in the Board Room on the afternoon of the day of the October Communication has not drawn the large attendance expected, at the same time the gatherings have been characterized by such a unanimous opinion that the time has been well spent that it is thought worth while to continue them. The underlying idea is to answer such problems as may from time to time occur, and Secretaries will assist by sending to the Grand Lodge Office, about a week before the meeting, questions or subjects they would like discussed. All Secretaries, and especially country Brethren apart from Secretaries, are invited to be present at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 20th."

SMOKING IN REGALIA

"Although no opinion has ever been expressed previously by the Board on the question of the propriety of smoking while wearing regalia, it has generally been recognized in the light of an unwritten law in this Jurisdiction that due observance should be given to what has been considered a rule of conduct for generations. It has been noticed, however, that some newly-made Freemasons have evidently not been made aware of the accepted practice of refraining from smoking in regalia, and the Board asks for the cooperation of the Lodges in preserving one of the ethical understandings of this Grand Lodge."

STREET CLOTHES

"In the Board's Report presented at the Annual Communication last year was included under the heading 'Emergency Directions,' a clause relating to the dress which the Grand Master had approved as proper to be worn during this period of emergency.

"From reports received, it would appear that there is a misinterpretation of the words 'Street Clothes,' although it was considered that the description would be quite understood as meaning a suit of clothes in its literal sense, which, as the adjective implies, would be normally worn in the street.

"It was never expected that such a misconstruction would be placed on the words as to include what are known as sports clothes, nor, as in one instance it was recorded, that the Brethren might discard their coats on a warm evening."

THE BALLOT

"The duty and responsibility devolving upon Masters to preserve the secrecy of the ballot cannot be too strongly stressed. The importance of the method to be employed is emphasized by the fact that in the ritual it is plainly pointed out how the ballot shall be distributed and collected. A secret ballot should be, as the name implies, secret, and it is wrong for a Brother to allow his neighbour to see how he votes. It has equally been held to be a violation of the ballot when dissenting members have publicly announced their intention, or have, at a later period, publicly announced what they have done. A previous intimation of their intention made privately to the Worshipful Master is in accordance with Masonic tradition.

"It is recommended that when the ballot has been scrutinized and declared, the Master shall take steps to so obliterate the result that only he and the Immediate Past Master know the votes cast for and against. Where three black balls exclude, it is desirable that the fact of one or two black balls appearing in the ballot should be known to these two Brethren only, and, in the event of an adverse vote, the number of black balls cast should never be divulged. In this connection also, the Master should never use the word 'unanimous' when declaring the result of an election."

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. Board of General Purposes. 1943

NEW CONSTITUTION

"The Grand Registrar (V.W. Bro. C. Lempriere Abbott, K.C., B.A., LL.B., M.P.), moved:

"That a new Constitution be added, reading: Improper use of words 'Masonic,' 'Freemasons,' etc.

'120B (1) No Brother shall be a member or official of, or otherwise connected with, any association or body of men in the name or description of which the word 'Masonic' or 'Freemasons' or any word which in the opinion of the Board of General Purposes indicates affiliation or connection with Freemasonry is used, unless such association or body shall be subject to the control of the Grand Master, and unless the Grand Master shall have previously approved the use of such word.'

(2) A Brother who is a member or official of or otherwise connected with any association or body of men in the name or description of which any such word is used without the approval of the Grand Master, shall when required by the Board of General Purposes so to do, forthwith in such manner as shall be directed by the Board renounce such association or body, and finally sever his connection therewith.

'(3) Any Brother who fails to carry out the direction of the Board under this Constitution shall be liable to be dealt with under Constitution 123 and 124.'

"V.W. Bro. Abbott explained that this matter was discussed at the last Conference of Australian Grand Lodges held in Melbourne, where it was considered desirable that a Constitutiton on the lines moved should be prepared. Careful consideration was given to the matter. While the position did not apply in South Australia, it was felt, in view of what was going on in other States, that Grand Lodge should have the power to meet such cases should they arise. It was likely that the new Constitution would also be adopted by the other States.

"V.W. Bro. H. C. Biddle, G.I.L., seconded. Carried."

NEW SOUTH WALES. Board of General Purposes. 1944

"A letter was received from the Military Postal Authorities, stating that in view of the antagonism by Nazis towards Freemasonry and Freemasons, the District Censors have requested that in the interests of the Prisoners of

War, who are members of our Institution, no indication be given either by correspondence or when forwarding parcels by Masons or any Masonic body that would disclose that the addressees are Freemasons or associated with Freemasonry.

"The Board resolved to bring this matter under the notice of all Lodges."

BRITISH COLUMBIA. Grand Master. 1944

"In the course of my discussions in the Lodges throughout the year I have been led to put an emphasis upon the theme of Citizenship as a great and supreme interest of Freemasonry. To me the history of Freemasonry, the glorious traditions which it enshrines, and the noble tenets and principles it inculcates, all point to the function of making citizens and to developing worthy ideals and standards of citizenship. This seems to me to be a distinctive function of the Craft, a purpose toward which our whole organization is directed and that, too, in a degree which makes Freemasonry unique among human institutions. I have been led to single out this great objective and to thus define the meaning and purpose of Freemasonry, not least of all by reason of current discussions about the Craft and comparisons which many of our members have made with other institutions. Brethren have compared Freemasonry with Service Clubs, some feeling that these divert strongly from the Craft and others perhaps expressing the desire to copy the methods of these movements and introduce them into Freemasonry. Now let it be known that not one of us has any objection to Service Clubs. Large numbers of our Craft are active members in these clubs. I have been so myself. Shakespeare said 'Comparisons are odorous,' and when we look at all the need, all the distress there is in the world, we can be glad for every institution that seeks in any way to do good and to create good-will among men. The world is wide-open and there is no occasion for any of us to feel that we have not all the elbow room we require. Yet just because this argument has been brought up I am led to emphasize and, as every Worshipful Master is exhorted to do, to forcibly impress upon the Brethren 'the dignity and high importance of Freemasonry.' Other institutions have their place and deserve credit for the valuable service they put into the community, but Freemasonry stands apart from them all. Survey human institutions as you may, not one of them can point to the same or like traditions; not one of them stands dedicated to the same exalted task. In none of them is the drama of life and death portrayed, the ultimate meaning of life interpreted, the responsibilities and duties of life so faithfuly outlined, all with a specific aim of determining and shaping the whole conduct of life. Any retrospect of its degrees, made with a view 'to distinguish and appreciate the connection of our whole system and the relative dependence of its several parts' must discover a unique purpose, a definiteness and a singularity of aim which makes the internal and not the external qualifications of a man its supreme concern. The Lessons of our working tools are too well enforced to miss this central characteristic. We are concerned not so much to direct man's outward social activities as we are to discipline and mature his mind that he may worthily perform the duties of life, to fortify his soul for life's struggles and adversities, to fashion his inner spirit and to develop a consciousness of rectitude and honour—in short, to build the man is the function of Freemasonry. Therefore, it cannot be too emphatically urged that Freemasonry is not a benefit society, it is not an insurance organization, it is not a service club, nor is it constituted to fulfil these functions. Relief is one of its cardinal tenets, but that relief is spontaneous in its impulse and silent in its operations. We make no public appeals nor can the great fabric of our system, with its universal, eternal and unchallengeable truths, its glorious history and traditions, reaching back as it does to time immemorial, its clear distinction between operative and speculative Masonry, be regarded as a casual circumstance, a means of getting men together for a few convivial moments. Beyond question Freemasonry is devoted to the highest interests that could engage the thought and endeavour of man, the moral and spiritual aspects of man's nature and our human existence, the development of manhood and moral character as a source of human happiness and the noblest contribution to the common good.

"Put it thus, if you will: the great major concern of Freemasonry is the man himself, the citizen. Its procedures and its programmes must of necessity accord with its supreme aim. No man passing through our ceremonies can do other than realize that Freemasonry has an aim above that offered by other institutions and that it addresses itself immediately and directly to the considerations which determine character and human happiness. Some may come and look on and depart. They will not rise to higher levels nor devote themselves to these considerations. But simply to provide additional forms of entertainment with a view of holding such will get us nowhere. Freemasonry has prevailed through the ages because its great landmarks cannot be removed. It will not be diverted from its grand and glorious purposes. This indeed we can say, 'Masonry, according to the general acceptance of the term, is an art founded on the principles of geometry and devoted to the service and convenience of mankind, but Freemasonry, embracing a wider range and having a nobler object in view, namely, the cultivation and improvement of the human mind, may with more propriety be called a science (the term science is here used in the broadest sense of a philosophy—the sum of universal knowledge), inasmuch as availing itself of the terms of the former it inculcates the principles of purest morality though its lessons are generally veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols.' Freemasonry, therefore, is a philosophy of life, a practical philosophy, yet a philosophy, and with an emphasis upon the search for ultimate reality, rational ideals and moral principles.

"All this accords to the Craft a very distinctive, even unique place in human life. So far as I know, no other movement, except it be religion itself, has so high an aim. The institutions of religion have doubtless a larger scope. Theirs is a programme of total redemption—a complete salvation of all classes and elements of human society. They embrace in their plan not only just and upright men, free by birth, and mature age, of sound judgment and strict morals, but men, women and children alike, people of all ages and all sorts and conditions of men. They can do this because their aim is nothing other than the regeneration of both individuals and society. But Freemasonry, without competing with or offering opposition to the agencies of religion, throws all its power and prestige into the great task of developing the mental and moral strength of worthy men and creating a standard of citizenship, both national citizenship and world citizenship, in the hope of building and guaranteeing the happiness and welfare of mankind. Hence you can see why we claim that Freemasonry is not only 'the most ancient but the most moral human institution that ever existed as every character, figure and emblem has a moral tendency and serves to inculcate the practice of virtue in all the genuine professors."

"With such exalted aim, when was there ever a day to compare with the present, both in greatness of human need and in vastness of opportunity to contribute to the welfare of the human family. We need a new world. The days of reconstruction surely lie ahead of us and if the convictions of Freemasons are convictions in very truth—if the lessons we inculcate within the Lodge are eternal verities concerning human conduct and man's dealings with his fellowman, then just because we have a loftier aim we have a greater privilege in this hour of world-making. Undoubtedly, too, greater opportunity, greater privilege, must spell for us greater responsibility. Let us not forget that fact. Those who are exalted highest in the point of privilege must bear the greatest penalty if their duties are not well performed.

"At the porchway or entrance to the temple of King Solomon stood two great pillars. With their separate and conjoint significance as Freemasons view them the Brethren are all familiar. I am going to give them new names and let them stand at the entrance of a new age and a new world and they shall signify for us great principles without which we have no hope for stability or security for human life or human society. The name of the one shall be 'The Manhood of the Brother' and the name of the other shall be 'The Brotherhood of Man.' The one stands for the highest realization of the individual personality, the other for the true utopia of human society. The one is the symbol of what we may call the self-regarding virtues, the perfection of the individual, the other, the perfection of human society, the other-regarding or altruistic virtues. Both are essential focal points in human thought. We must seek to develop both of these interests without subordinating one to the other. A new world we must have. Better social conditions are the imperative duty of the hour, but let us be assured of this, that we cannot build a golden age out of men with leaden instincts. Unless our personal motives and purposes, our emotions and passions, our aims and ambitions, are purified and cleansed and made worthy of the exalted dignity of man, we are but grovelling creatures and will be found invariably forcing down the social conditions to meet our own selfishness and greed. Well can the prayer of every man of us be that of the Psalmist of Old, 'Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.'

"Likewise, indifference to social welfare must cease. Too long have we been content to enjoy ourselves at our own full festal board while millions of mankind have starved with hunger. Children are born in all parts of the world with no hope of surviving. Men toil all their days in hard, slavish tasks, pouring out both sweat and blood, to find at the end of life they are mere dependents on the charity of others. These things must not be, and to whatever causes we may trace the horrors of war, as a human family we must find some other basis of living than that which has prevailed, which has given us two world wars in one generation, which means simply that our young manhood—the finest flower of human life—is laid on the altar of sacrifice. The joys of a triumphant life under natural human conditions are denied to them and the hearts of their parents and friends go heavy all their days. 'The Brotherhood of Man' is not a mere form of words and it is something that can be actualized and realized in this present world.

"But Someone may say that if these two pillars symbolize 'The Manhood of the Brother' and 'The Brotherhood of Man,' have we fogotten 'The Fatherhood of God?' I trust not. The concept of 'The Fatherhood of God' is in truth basic to these other concepts. It is foundational for any activity leading to the development of individual manhood or social progress. Its symbol is the Temple itself—the sign of God's presence in the world. It is as we are able to feel that presence and relate ourselves to Him as our Heavenly Father, really figuring Him in, as it were, into all the concerns of life that we will be able to rightly appreciate the true dignity and worth of human personality. Only thus will be learned what duty we owe to ourselves. Likewise we will not understand 'The Brotherhood of Man' until we see that these people of other races, other tongues, other cultures and other ways of living are also the children of God. Because of this they are our brothers and sisters. Their welfare is our welfare for it is a family welfare. We can despise none; we can neglect none. We must share their sufferings. True it is that if disease attacks them it may become a world epidemic and endanger our health, but our interest in our fellowman is not to be because of our own protection but it is because we have learned how to feel for the needs of our true brothers and sisters. Beyond any question we, every one of us, will need a great deal of discipline and education before we rightly perceive the obligations of these eternal truths.

"It must not be overlooked, however, that the Fatherhood of God is not simply a doctrine. The world is full of doctrines and dogmas. It is fundamentally a great experience, a solid conviction, something that actually influences our ways of thinking and living, a controlling factor determining our attitudes and governing our conduct. Until it becomes an experience, a great conviction, which is really incorporated into life it is apt to be but a mere form of words.

"It is not to be overlooked that after the war our affairs may go on pretty much as they did before, without any sign of a particular dislocation or any great alteration or upheaval in our political arrangements or any of our business structure. Even though there are vital changes in the inner heart of things, even though new concepts gain recognition and new ideas prevail as to the respective functions of government and private enterprize, the outward run of life may be pretty much the same as heretofore. We will struggle along, seeking to find a market for our goods, opportunity to labour in an enterprize of our own choice and face the same problems and responsibilities that we have done for generations past. This may be all to the good. Sudden upheavals would likely bring more damage than they would create improvement, but beyond any question the foremost need of the future will be for men of integrity and goodwill, just and upright men, men who 'prize honour and virtue beyond the external advantages of rank or fortune,' men who can hold firmly to the truth and prove steadfast in every hour of difficulty. Freemasonry has laid before us great eternal truths, steady unvarying principles of morality and virtue. Above all, it serves to inculcate a grand and glorious fellowship, a noble fraternity and spirit of brotherhood that will enable us not only to be our best, but to contribute our utmost to the common good."

MASSACHUSETTS. Grand Master. 1943

INVADING THE SECRECY OF THE BALLOT

"Later in this meeting you will hear and receive the report of the Commissioners of Trials. There are two cases which have been heard since our last Communication upon which you will have the recommendations of the Trial Commissioners.

"One involves the continued and ever-present problem of factious balloting. Perhaps I am over optimistic—almost too much an idealist. But fervently I pray that every member of every Lodge may sometime be fully impressed with a clear understanding that he has not only a duty to express his reasoned opinion as to the qualifications of all petitioners upon whose applications he is entitled to vote, but also and more important—so it seems to me—to approach the ballot box with but a single objective, namely: to consider whether in his unbiased judgment the applicant is worthy of the honor which he seeks. This means that in the exercise of his franchise he must allow no unworthy motive to influence his vote, but solely to determine and to act in accordance with his well considered decision as to the qualifications of the applicant.

"It is not necessary for me, I hope, again to point out that the possession of the power to blackball presupposes a duty to exercise that power in the interests of the Fraternity at large and not merely to gratify a personal spite or grudge against an applicant entirely disassociated with his Masonic qualifications. Infinite and irreparable injury may be done by a vicious use of the ballot which is unworthy of the charitable and tolerant attributes which are the fundamental characteristics of all good Masons.

"I must not be misunderstood. I do not mean even to intimate that a member should deny himself the privilege of passing honest judgment upon the masonic qualifications of any applicant. I do mean to state and do state emphatically that the right of franchise must not be exercised from personal and unworthy motives. The temptation so to use the voting privilege is perhaps aided by the secrecy of the ballot since it permits a member to adopt a wholly unjustifiable and even improper motive without fear of detection or accountability.

"On the other hand, reprehensible as such conduct may be, it affords no justification on the part of the other members to invade the secrecy of the ballot.

"In the course of the hearings in certain cases however, it frequently has developed that in taking the ballot certain methods were adopted by the Lodge to discover the dissenting member, which if persisted in and countenanced by inaction on our part, would destroy one of the most sacred principles of the institution, namely: the sacredness of the secret ballot. It cannot be doubted that no ultimate good to the Fraternity can be obtained by seeking to correct an admitted evil by means which are also, and equally improper and reprehensible.

"In one case, it appeared that after a ballot had been taken which upon inspection was not clear, another was quite properly directed by the Master. However, in the case in point, by previous design or otherwise, all present other than the first three officers of the Lodge and the respondent charged with factious balloting refrained from voting. Upon inquiry, it was admitted that no member then present and not voting had been excused from voting by the Lodge. This was in direct violation of the provisions of Section 410 of our Grand Constitutions. Since the officers were willing to affirm that none of them had cast a blackball, it also by indirection denied the dissenting member the protection of secrecy to which he and every member is entitled by an immutable landmark of our Order.

"This method of determining responsibilty for rejection has not even the merit of novelty. It has been a favorite devise of over-zealous members extending well back in our history. Thus in a report presented to this Grand Lodge in the June Communication of 1882, Right Worshipful Charles A. Welch, the then President of the Commissioners of Trials, in submitting his report, Said:

> As to the first charge in the complaint, that as one of a committee on the application of a candidate for admission to the degrees he reported in favor of the candidate, and when the vote was taken in the Lodge voted against him, the Commissioners have not felt at liberty, under the circumstances, to make any investigation, and must express their disapproval of the course adopted by the members of the Lodge to which Brother .... belonged to ascertain what his vote was, namely, by all the members except Brother .... and two others abstaining from voting on the third ballot. (Proc. 1882, page 160)

"Another case reported in 1887, also by Right Worshipful Brother Welch, presented another and, if possible, more flagrant violation of the secrecy of the ballot. He said in his report:

> The other matter is of more importance, and it has been lately called to our attention on two different occasions. Casting a blackball, factiously and without just cause, is a Masonic offence, for which a member may be deprived

> of his membership. (Digest of Masonic Law, p. 11.) But no Lodge has a right to interfere with the private ballot. (Digest of Masonic Law, p. 10.) It appeared by the testimony offered in this case that, on one of the occasions on which the ballot box was passed around, all the members of the Lodge showed their ballots, except two, one of whom was Brother A———— B————. In the case of a complaint from another Lodge, all the Brothers, but one, showed their ballots before casting them. This is certainly wrong. As stated in a previous report made by the Commissioners of Trials to the Grand Lodge: 'In order that each Brother may vote according to the dictates of his own judgment, perfectly free from any influence save that which commends itself to his own conscience, the ballot is intended to be secret. No Brother is justified in seeking by direct or indirect means to ascertain how another Brother voted.' (Proc. 1887, p. 21.)

"In a later case, in 1919, our Grand Master used the following language:

> The true spirit of Freemasonry cannot be maintained unless the vote of each member is securely locked within his own breast. No member of the Fraternity whether he casts a white ball or a black ball, should allow himself to declare his vote to another. No member should be excused from voting upon an application except upon personal grounds. If a member feels it his duty to cast a black ball, he is entitled to the protection of the Lodge in so doing and he should never be subjected to criticism or ill will either in or outside of the Fraternity and especially no persons outside of the Fraternity should ever be permitted to know that an applicant had been black-balled in the Lodge. If this is allowed, it is possible for an innocent applicant to suffer; further, it is quite possible that the one who casts the black ball, if known, may be placed at a serious disadvantage, especially outside of the Fraternity. It is impossible to guard against such unfortunate situations unless every member of the Fraternity, in voting, strictly conforms to the principle of silence.

We quote the following Masonic authority from the Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, Volume 1, Page 95, as follows:

> 'Not only has no member a right to inquire how his fellows have voted, but it is wholly out of order for him to explain his own vote.'

"From Moore's Freemason's Magazine, Volume 14, page 225:

> The right to ballot is one of the highest and most responsible privileges of membership and that he may so exercise it without the fear of incurring personal displeasure, the laws of the institution have thrown around him the protection of secrecy, behind the wall of which no inquisitive eye is permitted to penetrate.
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> The responsibility of his vote rests alone with him and his conscience until by his own voluntary act he shall see fit to remove the veil. This done, the secrecy is no longer such and the protection it offered him no longer exists. With an open avowal of his vote he assumed the responsibility and rests on the fact for his justification before his brethren. In such a case the objections become the property of the Lodge to be disposed of according to the evidence, but the disclosure must be the voluntary act of the member.

"From Moore's Freemason's Magazine, Volume 10, page 230:

> It is undoubtedly unmasonic for a member to declare how he voted. If those who vote affirmatively declare their votes, it throws suspicion upon those who do not so declare. The secrecy of the ballot is sacred as a protection to anyone who may conscientiously cast a black ball.

"From Moore's Freemason's Magazine, Volume 22, page 92:

> It is the duty of every member to keep entire silence in regard to his vote. He may neither say how he will vote nor how he has voted. There is no subject where the silent tongue is so necessary as in this.
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> ("Proc. 1919, page 208.)"

ENGLAND. Board of General Purposes. 1944

"On the motion of the President of the Board of General Purposes (V.W. Bro. George Emmerson, P.G. Treasurer), seconded by the Vice-President of the Board (W. Bro. F. P. Reynolds, P.G.St.B.), the following Report of the Board of General Purposes was taken as read:

"To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of England.

AIMS AND RELATIONSHIPS OF THE CRAFT

"In 1938 there was issued, under the authority of the then Grand Master, a Statement on the Aims and Relationships of the Craft. Since that time there have been great changes in world affairs, but the attitude of Freemasonry remains unaltered.

"In view of the manifold problems which will have to be solved, arising from the War and affecting all nations, the Board considers it necessary again to draw the attention of Brethren to the contents of the Statement, as it is only by strict adherence to the principles defined therein that the integrity of the Order can be maintained throughout the world.

"The Board has arranged for two copies of the Statement to be enclosed with this report for each Lodge and directs that it be read at the first Regular meeting.

DONATIONS FROM LODGE FUNDS

"The Grand Secretary is frequently asked for guidance as to the attitude which should be adopted by Lodges towards appeal for donations in support of objects not directly connected with the Order.

"The Board is reluctant to give rulings on matters which are primarily the domestic concern of the Lodges themselves.

"It should always be borne in mind, however, that the annual subscriptions to Lodges are to defray the ordinary working expenses and to meet recognised Masonic claims. There is no objection to a donation being made to a local hospital, or to some charity in which, owing to the particular composition of the Lodge, the members as a whole are interested, but there is a tendency for the funds of a Lodge to be regarded as available for any Appeal, whether general or local, or for a charitable object with which a particular member may be associated.

AIMS AND RELATIONSHIPS OF THE CRAFT

"The President of the Board of General Purposes: M.W. Grand Master, in moving the adoption of the Board's

Report, I wish to draw particular attention to the first paragraph. When the Statement of Aims and Relationships of the Craft was first issued in 1938, it was considered of such importance that sufficient copies were sent to every Lodge so that each member should receive one. That Statement is of even greater importance today, and will be in the immediate future, than it was in 1938. It is in the highest degree essential that our members should have clearly in their minds those factors which are fundamental to our Order, forming, as they do, the basis upon which present and future problems must be dealt with. It is only thus that Freemasonry as it has come down to us through the ages can be preserved.

DONATIONS FROM LODGE FUNDS

"With regard to the second paragraph, I think the Board has given the guidance for which it has been asked. The Board does not desire to interfere unnecessarily in such matters, but I think there will be a general agreement that the funds of a Lodge are for Masonic purposes, and that there are ample opportunities for them to be so utilized.

"I move, M.W. Grand Master, that the Report be received, adopted, and entered on the Minutes.

"The Vice-President of the Board: M.W. Grand Master, I beg to second the Motion.

"The Motion was agreed to.

ADMISSION OF CANDIDATES

"The Board considers it necessary, once again, to remind members of Lodges of the necessity to exercise the utmost care in proposing and seconding candidates for Initiation. The attention of Sponsors is particularly directed to their responsibility in this matter, and, the Declaration that is required of them in the Proposal Form. It cannot be too strongly stressed that their acquaintance with the Candidate must be of such a nature that they can, by their personal knowledge, vouch that he is a man of good reputation and integrity and well fitted to become a member of the Lodge.

"The Board cannot lay down a minimum period for a Candidate to be known to his Sponsors—it is the extent of the knowledge which is important, and Lodge Committees are desired to investigate every case in that light. Many instances of late come under notice where some doubt arises as to the scrutinies being adequate.

"The time is approaching when there may be an influx of Candidates into Masonry and Lodges are asked to exercise every possible caution to see that only those who are suitable are admitted to the Craft.

GIFT BY THE JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN

"The Board has the pleasure to report that it has received from the Junior Grand Warden (R.W. Bro. Sir Frank Newson-Smith, who was at the time Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor of London) a gift of a Maul. It is constructed of oak from the roof of the Guildhall of London, which suffered damage during an air raid. The Maul, which will be exhibited in the Museum, is an outstanding example of the Craftsman's art. The Board has conveyed its grateful thanks to the Junior Grand Warden for placing in the possession of Grand Lodge an article which will continue to increase in historic interest."

IOWA. Flag Day Observance. 1944

A special program was prepared in celebration of June 14th, 1777, the day on which Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as the flag of the United States of America.

Presentation of Colors, by members of the Iowa State Guard.

Reception of United States Flag, by M.W. Bro. Samuel Burland, Grand Master, Manitoba.

Reception of Canadian Flag, by M.W. Bro. E. R. Moore, P.G.M., Iowa.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA. Grand Master. 1944

"I have been surprised and gratified to find that in spite of all our material difficulties there has been no retrogression in our membership. There has, in fact, been a definite increase, and we are all pleased to note that belief in the principles of the Craft is extending, and that there is an increasing desire on the part of good and worthy men to take part in its mysteries. It is, I think, an indication that the minds of men are discarding the old material shibboleths of life and are seeking for foundations upon which to build a better and more spiritual world. In all probability, when the war is ended, we will be faced with a very great number of applications to become members of the Craft, and here I think it wise to express a word of warning. Let every such application be thoroughly examined and let us take care that no one is admitted unless he conforms to the standards required. We are all of us aware of the fact that in the last war there were admissions that did not reflect credit upon Freemasonry. Let us see to it that it does not occur after this war."

WESTERN AUSTRALIA. Grand Master. 1944

MASONIC APRONS

"The question of Masonic aprons, as some of you will know, has recently been engaging the attention of the Board of General Purposes. Owing to the restriction upon imports and the diversion of labour into other channels, more intimately connected with the war, it is impossible, for the time being, to procure proper Master Masons' aprons.

"Tassels, trimmings and rosettes are quite unprocurable and lambskins are not at present being tanned. There is a shortage so far as our requirements are concerned of something like 300, but manufacturers are quite unable to give us any indication when deliveries could be effected or whether any deliveries could be made at all. Enquiries are being made into the possibility of obtaining lambskins locally. If such skins can be obtained then arrangements could be made for a modification of the apron that could be used until supplies of trimmings and tassels were available. The modification would be of such a type that the apron in use could easily be converted to the recognised standard pattern. In the meantime brethren must be invested with a regular Master Mason's apron when they take the degree, but after that may use a modified form until things become normal again.

CRITICISMS OF FREEMASONRY

"During the quarter most of you have probably heard a clerical broadcast in which Freemasonry was criticised from what was said to be the point of view of the Church concerned. As Freemasons we have no quarrel with the doctrines or dogmas of any Church, but we doubt whether His Holiness the Pope, who has the respect and veneration of all right-minded people, would lay claim to the omniscience that the broadcaster in question does. Perhaps we may excuse him on the ground that even the very young are not always right. But whilst the attitude of any Church towards Freemasonry may not concern us or incidentally give us any cause for uneasiness, there were certain phases in that broadcast that call for reference. In the first place, though Freemasonry is not and has never claimed to be a religion, Freemasons are religious in the sense that they believe in a personal God, and have given their adherence to the same high principles and tenets as the Church generally. Freemasonry is not, therefore, atheistic, as was claimed; and in point of fact it subscribes to and carries out religious principles quite as sincerely and effectively as many adherents of dogmatic religious bodies. In the next place all statements expressed in regard to -Freemasonry were derived from publications not recognised in English Freemasonry, not one of which can be regarded in any way as authoritative, and nearly all of which were spurious or ignorantly enthusiastic. Thirdly, the broadcaster's knowledge of Freemasonry seems to have been derived entirely from what he had read of the Grand Orient of France. He was oblivious or ignorant of the fact that all English-speaking and many foreign Grand Lodges do not regard the Grand Orient as true Freemasonry, for the very simple reason that it excludes the Bible from its Lodge ceremonies. It is a simple reason, but it sweeps away the foundations of the remarks that were made. We have no desire to enter into controversy, but I would like to say, on behalf of every Freemason, that we respect all Churches and recognise the good they are doing. In the expansion of that good work Freemasonry can and does play no unimportant part."

WESTERN AUSTRALIA. Grand Master. 1944

"Masonry has always stood, and if it would serve its purpose must continue to stand for the highest individual development, and the largest personal liberty of man, in his evolutionary search for individual happiness, and his proper sphere in the eternal scheme of things; it has ever fostered the spirit and encouraged the growth of constructive individuality in its deepest, broadest and fullest sense, and has always sought to give dignity and emphasis to individual intelligence as a natural and essential basis of all human progress; has always advocated the largest individual freedom of thought and actions, having due regard for the rights of others.

"To the end, then, that man may rightly develop along God-intended lines, Masonry has ever stood for the highest and broadest individual education and the inculcation of strict and scientific principle. It points with unerring directness to light and truth, that its votaries, seeing the light and knowing the truth, may so order their ways as not only to walk uprightly before God and man, but to assist others to plant their feet in the pathway that leads to happiness and knowledge here, and to a glorious immortality in the glad afterwhiles. Looking then, as is our bounden duty to do, at the far side of near things, and the near side of far things, we must realize that there are other and opposing forces at work in the world, which consistently move forward in the line of man's suppression and subjection in his individual capacity, that antagonise the spirit and discourage the idea and growth of individual liberty at every point, and that constantly minimise and depreciate individual intelligence as a factor in human progress; and it is peculiarly our province, more peculiarly ours, perhaps, than any other class or society of men, to do battle for the human race against the encroachment of this force, and the dire results that must necessarily follow from its domination of human affairs."

VERMONT. Grand Master. 1944

LETTER TO THE CRAFT

"On my re-election to office last June I had a definite idea that possibly some of the lack of interest among certain Masons was due to lack of information. Accordingly, a letter was drafted regarding Masonry's part in the past and present of our Country's history, and what we hoped to do, as well as other current items which seemed appropriate. I asked for, and was accorded, the co-operation of all Lodge Secretaries and through them this letter was mailed to every member of Vermont Lodges.

"May I take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to those Secretaries, for without their co-operation it couldn't have been done.

"The preparation of this letter entailed some effort but that was as nothing when the replies began to arrive from all parts of the country, from members in all walks of life.

"A great many expressed the feeling that one member summed up in his reply, 'It's the first time I've ever heard from Masonry except when my Lodge writes for my dues.'

"My brothers, we are overlooking the potentialities which exist among our members who do not attend Lodge—they pay their dues which indicates interest. In what other organization will members continue to pay after they stop attending? To the officers of Lodges: don't overlook these members; contact them, give them something to do, plan attractive programs, do something to get them back to

Lodge. Some of our larger Lodges have smaller attendance than our smaller Lodges. Interest is a greater asset to Masonry than membership. Interest begets membership.

"This should be a challenge to every one of our 103 Masters. It will require thought and work, but it's worth it, and the old bogie of 'loss of members' will not be a bogie any longer."

WASHINGTON. Grand Master. 1944

RECOMMENDED LEGISLATION

"Interest in Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction is at a high pitch. Many candidates are knocking at our doors. Most of them are men in the Armed Forces. Many more meetings than in ordinary times are being held. Some of the largest attendances in our history are being recorded. Opinions differ as to the resultant value to the Order and to the individual members as a consequence of these facts. The question of value is somewhat academic. The condition confronts us and we must face it. We must concern ourselves with the more practical resultants.

"As an abnormal supply of water builds up behind it the increased hydrostatic pressure frequently develops weak spots in a dam. That is occurring in the legal structure of our Order in Washington. The pressure for degree work tends to cause officers to seek short-cuts. There is a tendency to confer more than the customary number of degrees in one day. Ways are conceived for shortening the ritualistic work. Many inadvertent violations of the Code take place."

NEW YORK. Grand Master. 1944

AID TO MASONIC REFUGEES IN SWEDEN

"It has recently come to our attention, that there are now, and have been for some time, in Sweden a considerable number of our Brethren and their dependents, who are refugees from the neighbouring countries of Finland, Norway and Denmark. Our Swedish Brethren have been assisting them to the fullest extent of their ability, and are willing to continue to do so. The financial burden upon them, however, is severe and I should like to recommend that this Grand Lodge appropriate and send to the Grand Lodge of Sweden, the sum of $1,000.00, for the purpose of assisting in this work. This, to be sure, is only a small sum—a token payment—but it would assure these refugee Brethren of our fraternal interest in them, and, at the same time, be indicative to the Grand Lodge of Sweden of our appreciation of their great service.

"Last year, as you will recall, Grand Lodge authorized the sending of $1,000.00, to our distressed Brethren in China. I hope you will this year approve the sending of a like sum to Sweden.

PRESENTATION OF WORKING TOOLS USED BY H.R.H., THE PRINCE OF WALES

"M.W. William F. Strang, Grand Master: Brethren, I think this would be an appropriate moment for me to share with you a very pleasant surprise which came to me just a week ago.

"Doubtless you all know Mr. George Eastman, a former resident of my city, and a great philanthropist; and among his philanthropies are included gifts of a million dollars each to London, Rome, Paris, Brussels and Stockholm for the purpose of creating within those cities a free dental dispensary.

"The man whom he chose to conduct the negotiations and attend the ceremonies in connection with the laying of the corner-stones and the dedication of those buildings was W. Harvey J. Burkhart of Rochester. A week ago today Dr. Burkhart came into my office and presented to me the trowel, the gavel and the level, which Edward, Prince of Wales, used in laying the foundation stone of the Dental Dispensary in London, together with this letter which I should like to read:—it is addressed to me:

> 'Dear Most Worshipful Grand Master: I have the pleasure and honor on behalf of my son, Brother Richard Burkhart of Noroton, Conn., and myself, who have retained our membership in Batavia Lodge, No. 475, to hand you herewith a program of the exercises of the laying of the foundation stone of the Eastman Dental Clinic of London, England, by His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, Tuesday,

the 30th of April, 1929, at 2:30 p.m., and the working tools with which the ceremony was performed.

'The funds for the construction and equipment of the clinic were provided by the munificence of the late George Eastman of Rochester, N.Y., who contributed one million dollars for this purpose.

'As stated above, the service was performed by His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, later King Edward the Eighth, now the Duke of Windsor, in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering of British and United States government officials, the nobility and leaders in professional and business life.

'After the ceremony the Prince of Wales handed me these working tools, with the request that I deliver them to Mr. Eastman with his compliments and best wishes. Mr. Eastman, knowing that my son and I were members of the Masonic Fraternity, presented them to us with full liberty and authority to make such final disposition of them as we deemed desirable and proper.

'Therefore, my son and I have the pleasure of presenting to the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of New York these working tools for a permanent place in the archives of the Fraternity.

'With appreciation of your courtesy in making this presentation at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, believe me, Most Worship Grand Master, on behalf of my son and myself, fraternally yours, Harvey J. Burkhart, Past Master, Batavia Lodge, 475.'

"And, Brethren, these are the working tools (indicating). I hope you can at least glimpse them. They are all inscribed, 'His Royal Highness'—abbreviated, 'H.R.H.—'Edward, Prince of Wales, used this trowel at the laying of the foundation stone of the Eastman Dental Clinic, Royal Free Hospital, 30th of April, 1929.' And with that is this card and the program of the ceremony.

"In furtherance of Brother Burkhart's generous wishes, I now formally present them to this Grand Lodge, to become a permanent part of our Museum, where they will be placed on display, if, as I expect, you accept this gift. (Applause.)

"Unless I hear an objection, I shall assume that the gift is accepted by this Grand Lodge, and that I have your unanimous authority and direction to convey your thanks and appreciation to Worshipful Brother Burkhart.

"Hearing no objection, . . . it is so ordered." (Gavel.) (Applause.)

QUEENSLAND. Grand Master. 1944

"Freemasonry in Queensland has faced during the year a situation that it has never had to face before. Many of the Brethren are away on active service—many have given their lives—and of these we can only say that they will never be forgotten, and wonderful memories of them will always remain. Our Lodges have, however, been reinforced —if I may use the word—by so many Brethren from overseas and from other States—so many belonging to the great United States of America, where Freemasonry stands for so much. I find also, in all Lodges, a greater understanding of the true meaning of Freemasonry than I have ever found, a far better interpretation of the word Freemasonry in its appeal to the best instincts of man, in the meaning of freedom and greater friendship. Nature and religion are the bonds of friendship. Faith, hope and courage cement that friendship and teach us to make friends and to keep them. Freemasons, by the tenets of the Craft, are taught to view creation and life with a profound sense of their own littleness in the vast scheme of affairs and yet to seek their fellow men and, knowing them in the terms of such friendship as I have mentioned, learn to respect them, to have affection for them, to live with them on terms of mutual equality and with that full understanding that teaches one to look first for the good and not for the bad in everyone and everything in this world.

"There is, perhaps, nothing more true than that the real tragedy of the world lies in the fact that men are strangers; not that men are poor, for all men know something of poverty; not that men are wicked, for who can claim to be good? not that men are ignorant, for who can boast that he is wise? but that men are strangers. Freemasonry, with the help and guidance of the G.A.O.T.U., shows us all the path to friendship. Let us walk along that path together to a future when our sons, and their sons, can, with confidence, face the years ahead in sure knowledge that all carry in their hands not a sword for war but a sword for evil, and in their hearts a happiness born of the knowledge that all is well in the world, that each and all are glad to be alive and determined to do something to make the world a better place for those who come after them."

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND. Grand Lecturer. 1944

"It is noticed that in some Lodges there is a tendency to have certain parts of our degrees done over and over again by the same member, the lectures in particular. This is not progress, and I urge every Lodge to allocate its work around so that each member will have the opportunity of taking part in the degrees conferred. This applies especially to new members and I am convinced that the earlier we put them to work in our Lodges the better—too often we raise a brother to lose him. This would not happen if he were given work to do and made to feel that he was an integral part of his Lodge and its Masonic work."

VERMONT. Grand Master. 1944

USE OF LODGE FUNDS FOR NON-MASONIC USES

"It is a matter of common knowledge that due to world conditions the many demands of Masonic Lodges for contributions to the numerous charities have increased materially, it being difficult to say 'no' to some after contributing to others. Some Lodges were submitting the amount paid charities as a part of their charity contributions to equal the $1.00 per capita—after which Grand Lodge reimburses the local Lodge. Further, other local charities such as Community Chest, Hospital Drives, War Memorials, etc., each with local members interested, were exerting pressure for their favorite charities. With the Grand Lodge making refunds under certain conditions and at least one Lodge not having sufficient funds to discharge its Charity requirements without calling on Grand Lodge, I gave the following ruling in an endeavor to safeguard Grand Lodge's interests:

'Lodge funds should not be used for other than legitimate Masonic purposes and it is improper for a Lodge to vote to donate any part of its funds to any organization or activity not administered by Masonic Agencies.

'Neither shall a special assessment be voted by the Lodge for that purpose.

'If a Lodge desires to make a contribution to any non-Masonic undertaking, charitable or otherwise, funds for the purpose may be raised by voluntary subscription or contribution of its members.'

SHORTENING PROCESS OF CALLING OFF

"Shortening of the process of calling off from the third degree to labor of the first or second degree.

"Permission was requested to shorten if possible our present lengthy method of 'calling off' when there was no intervening interval. After consideration I made the following ruling:

'When a Lodge has been opened in due form on the Master Mason's degree and it becomes necessary to suspend work on that degree for the purpose of working the Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft degree without any intervening interval, it is not necessary that the ritualistic form of calling from labor to refreshment or from refreshment to labor on the lower degree be fully complied with. It is proper for the Master to make a single declaration directly from the East as follows:

> "I hereby declare labor on the third degree suspended and that labor be resumed on the first (or second) degree. Bro. Junior Deacon inform the Tyler. Bro. Senior Deacon attend at the altar."

'When the work of the lower degree is completed the Master by a similar declaration may direct labor on the third degree resumed. In such cases care must be taken that labor on the third degree is resumed before the Lodge is closed.'"

ILLINOIS. Grand Master. 1944

"Following the last World War, the Lodges enjoyed a great period of prosperity, the result in many cases being that Masonic Temples were erected at a greater cost than circumstances would justify. It is very regrettable that this was the case, because in many instances much embarrassment has resulted, due to the fact that the Lodge or Temple Association, as the case might be, was unable to meet its obligations and thereby created an unfavorable situation in the community where the building was located that made serious reflections upon the fraternity in the whole state. It has always seemed to me that the Grand Lodge should exercise some control over situations of this kind, and I believe it will be for the best interests of our fraternity if such legislation is enacted. When this war has drawn to a close, it may be that there will be a repetition of what happened after the other war, and it is quite necessary that we should legislate at this time to prevent a recurrence of acquiring or building new Temples and incurring a heavy indebtedness for that purpose. Personally, I believe that the Grand Lodge should enact legislation forbidding any Lodge to acquire real estate or build a building for its occupancy, or both, unless the Lodge has on hand enough money to pay at least two-thirds of the cost of the property and the erection and furnishing of the building. I trust that favorable legislation may be had upon this matter and thus preclude embarrassment to the Lodges and their members, and to that end an amendment to the Code will be presented, and I trust enacted at this session."

ILLINOIS. Grand Master. 1944

"Freemasonry, because of its philosophy and teachings, must necessarily be conservative, but that does not mean that we must cling so closely to customs of the past that we overlook the progress the world is making. We need also to be endowed with some idea of liberalism. Often we hear the complaint that it is hard to procure much of an attendance at Lodge meetings, especially at the regular, monthly, business meetings. It would seem to me that that condition might be changed by providing something that would attract our members. In years gone by, members looked forward to 'Lodge Night,' as that was an occasion when they would enjoy the companionship and social features that men enjoy when they are gathered together. In many places there were but few things that one could do for entertainment except to attend the Lodge meetings. That was before the days of automobiles, radios, moving picture theatres, and various clubs where men could dine together and enjoy each others' society. Today, that is vastly changed. There is scarcely a community anywhere in the land where there are not many attractions vieing with the Lodge for attendance. Something should be done to vary the monotony that comes from witnessing ritualistic matters meeting after meeting. Even witnessing the degrees conferred in a most creditable manner finally satiates one and becomes somewhat monotonous. This can best be illustrated by the fact that no matter how good a theatrical performance may be, there are not many who desire to see it more than once. After all, variety is the spice of life. This leads me to repeat the suggestion that was made by Past Grand Master, Brother Karl J. Mohr, last year, that we have candidates in classes and that we shorten the conferring of the degrees and the ceremony of opening the meetings. Our Lodges have, in many instances, become machines for grinding out degrees. Many Lodges during the past year have worked almost continuously conferring degrees upon candidates. Would it not have been better to have grouped these candidates and had one night a month for each degree and confer the degree upon several at one time? This would, undoubtedly, stimulate attendance. Meetings could be begun prior to the dinner hour, and the brethren would have the benefit of the fellowship and the social companionship which comes from joining together at the dining table."

NORTH DAKOTA. Grand Master. 1944

"There is a marked revival in the appreciation of the teachings of Masonry, and the excellent reputation it has maintained all these years. I deeply appreciate this hearty co-operation of the Masters and other officers of the several Lodges in this jurisdiction. Without such support and co-operation there is little that the officers of the Grand Lodge can accomplish. To those few officers who failed to rise to the responsibilities of their high offices, we feel that they have made a serious mistake and have fumbled the opportunity that they have had to serve their Lodges and their community. As we journey through life we should leave upon the records something to merit the reward, 'Well done, thou faithful servant'; and some constructive work or deed that will help those of coming years to find a way in life somewhat better and less darkened by confusion. It behooves all Masters and other officers of the Lodges to recognize the fact that they must serve well and fully the Craft while they are in office, that there may be a better understanding of the value of the philosophy of Masonry to all mankind. Disregard of the obligations assumed by any officer does not help Masonry. The officers of the Grand Lodge must have the whole-hearted co-operation of the officers of the respective Lodges if this institution is going to continue to be one of the greatest fraternal organizations in the world of enlightened men, and continue to be a help, comfort and service to all who belong to it. Masonry is a progressive science. It cannot live on its past achievements and most excellent record. Its membership must move with the events of the day, but hold fast to those virtues taught us in our lessons, and which can never be violated without loss to themselves and our brethren. Masonry is the very breath of freedom, but he who is well informed fully realizes that with freedom there also follows an equally great and heavy responsibility. We of these United States have become used to enjoying life in abundance, and may it ever be so and better. The days ahead need not be burdensome or difficult and there should be plenty of the fruits of mind and labor to go around, even to reach the most lowly, if there be co-operation and intelligent understanding. We are situated in a land that yields abundantly the resources necessary to provide us with food, shelter and clothing in a great plenty. The only problem before us then is to make use of these abundant resources to provide enough for all that our homes may be the most comfortable, our business institutions most efficient, our factories great producers, and the facilities of education, entertainment, travel and communication available to all, even to those of very limited means. Brethren, I call your attention to this word picture of America that you may appreciate its possibilities even at this dark time, that we may renew our faith and confidence in this great country and look forward to a greater nation in the not distant future. Let us not fear the conditions that some expect to come with the close of war, as though it might be better to continue with the war rather than to turn back to peace and constructive work. There is a way through the seemingly difficult days of change from war activities to peaceful work. We Masons know much about how it can be done, and we know it must be done in a spirit of co-operation and recognition of the rights of others and in a true spirit of brotherly love. There need be no hardships to men of this land if the sun continues to shine, the rains come in timely season and the soil to yield as abundantly as it has in the past. He who holds in his heart the philosophy of Masonry will be a stabilizing factor to society in the days to come just as he has been in the days gone by, and as Masons have in the past contributed much to the beauty, power and greater life of this nation, so must we accept the challenge of the present day and put forth our best efforts to make intelligent use of the resources at hand, that we may have the fruits of our labor and live that more abundant life. Let us not be led away from those high ideals of life which have governed us in the past and which have contributed so much to the welfare of the people of this country, and has made this country the great nation that it really is today."

CANADA (In the Province of Ontario). Grand Master. 1944

"In his splendid review of a year ago, M.W. Bro. McRae said, 'Today we are on the threshold of great, dynamic and incalculable events.' That threshold is now being crossed; the door is opening and we can, with more certainty, look into the future. In every theatre of this global war, success has been and is daily becoming more our portion. Today the men of the Empire with their gallant comrades from our great neighbor to the South of us, have, despite the difficulties of terrain and weather, pushed the enemy into the northern territory of Italy. In the Pacific the Jap has been hounded from his treacherous gains, and each succeeding week sees the noose being tightened, his fleet being reduced, and the ultimate day of retribution nearer.

"On the Eastern European Front, the magnificent army of our Soviet Allies has demonstrated that, for them, peace will not come until it is written in Berlin. The seas have been made safer; the air has become more of our joint possession; and now the western front, to which the eyes of all peoples have been turning for more than four years, has become a reality. Four years ago a battered and weary remnant of a proud army left the shores of France, glorious in its courage and fired by a determination that there would be another day. Yes, most of the world in its heart felt sorry for England and the Empire. This was the end. Another proud Empire had followed Babylon, Greece and Rome into the misty pages of history. The world could little understand a call to a people that promised only blood, sweat, tears and toil. That phrase, my brethren, contained the complete story of Britain's greatness,—the price she had paid through the years to attain her proud place. Sacrifice, physical pain and discomfort, sorrow and then hard work; these had made her great; these would keep her great.

"Yes, we made a promise at Dunkirk that some day, be it soon or distant, be the road easy or hard, we would return to the soil of Europe. Four long years, years in which all that a wicked and heartless foe could offer, have been sustained, more particularly by our kith and kin in the homeland. Four long years have gone into the story of war, years in which men have wondered how that promise could be fulfilled, years in which it has been known that, if we did not return, 'stalemate' with all its uncertainties, its indecision, its preparations for a third war would be our portion. Today the men of America and Britain have returned to Europe; that door has been sprung and is opening ever wider.

"On this day our first thought is of gratitude to the Eternal Father of mankind. How well can we understand the song of the Psalmist of old in the 124th Psalm which has been made so precious to us in the Ancient Scottish Psalter:

'Now Israel may say and that truly:
If that the Lord had not our cause maintained,
If that the Lord had not our right sustained,
When cruel men against us furiously
Rose up in wrath, to make of us their prey,
Then certainly they had devoured us all,
And swallowed quick, for ought that we could deem.

Therefore our help is in the Lord's great name,
Who heaven and earth by His great power did frame.'

"This advance nearer Victory has been bought at a price. It has been paid for in the noblest coin of all,—sacrifice,—the warm, red blood of our youth, whose courage, suffering, devotion and sacrifice must ever be remembered if we are to be worthy of them. In the last great analysis they have demonstrated, notwithstanding the fears so openly, even blatantly expressed just a few short years ago, that our race has not degenerated but has maintained and excelled the glorious courage of the storied days of the past."

MASTERS OUTSIDE LODGE JURISDICTION

"It has been ruled and confirmed by Grand Lodge that 'a brother who does not reside within the jurisdiction of his Lodge may not be installed as Master except with the consent of the Grand Master.' Notwithstanding this ruling, twelve Lodges installed Masters whose installation was subject to the Grand Master's permission, without having previouly obtained such permission. While these installations were later confirmed by me, Lodges should note that similar treatment may not be given by me or other Grand Masters in future. This ruling was made for the general good of the Craft and of the constituent Lodges. The duties of the Master comprise a great deal more than simply presiding at the meetings of the Lodge, and many of his duties cannot be delegated to some other brother, no matter what his rank may be. I refused such permission where the brother had moved to so great a distance from the Lodge that it was obvious the interests of the Lodge must suffer.

SUNDAY MEETINGS

"During the absence of the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, a Lodge summons was received indicating that a meeting had been called for a Sunday for the purpose of conferring degrees. Unfortunately, the meeting was held before I had an opportunity to see the summons. A year ago a Lodge was directed by the Grand Master to cancel a meeting called for Sunday, for the Installation of Officers. Surely this action should have indicated, if any such indication is necessary to Masons, that it was considered highly improper to hold a meeting on Sunday, other than for the purpose of attending Divine Service or for a Masonic Funeral. However, to place the matter clearly on record, I ask Grand Lodge to confirm the following ruling:

"'No meeting can be held by a constituent Lodge on Sunday, except for the purpose of attending Divine Service or for performing the Funeral Ceremonies of the Craft.'

PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

"In 1926 Most Wor. Bro. Rowland made certain recommendations with respect to the installation of brethren with physical disabilities as Worshipful Master, and it was then decided that 'no member who is suffering from a disability which prevents him from literally complying with our ritual and ceremonies should be elected and installed as Worshipful Master of a Lodge, without a special dispensation from the Grand Master.' In the light of our experience since then, I am of the opinion that the matter should again be reviewed. It places too heavy a charge on any Grand Master to be asked for a decision after the disabled brother has been appointed or elected to the various offices which lead to that of Worshipful Master, a period of perhaps from seven to ten years. Then again, it ultimately leaves the matter entirely to the personal opinion and discretion of an individual, and my experience has taught me that, in many of such matters, personal opinion and discretion at such a time are not the best guides. If a definite decision to apply to all cases cannot be made, I do think that Grand Lodge might well reconsider the time at which the decision is to be made by the Grand Master. My opinion is that no brother who is unable to perform the duties of even the minor offices in our ceremonies, should be started in the line of office which leads to the East, and it is at that starting time that the permission of the Grand Master should be sought."

PENNSYLVANIA. Grand Master. 1944

EDICTS

"Set aside the action of Lodge No. 278 on the petition for initiation and membership of William J. Russell and all action taken thereon including his initiation and directed that all moneys paid as fees and dues be returned to him for the reason that he was unable to read, write or comprehend the English language.

"Edicts have been issued respecting material rejected in this jurisdiction as follows:

"Set aside the action of Lodge No. 246 on the petition of Raymond Julius Silver; directed that his name be stricken from the roll of members of said Lodge, and all moneys paid as fees and dues be returned to him, for the reason that he was not under the tongue of good Masonic report.

"Set aside the action of Lodge No. 291 on the petition for initiation and membership of Adolph Herman Strohl, and all action taken thereon; directed that all moneys paid as fees and dues be returned to him and that his name be stricken from the roll of members of said Lodge, for the reason that he falsified in his petition to the Lodge.

"Set aside the action of Lodge No. 246 on the petition for initiation and membership of Martin J. Green, and all action taken thereon; directed that all moneys paid as fees and dues be returned to him and that his name be stricken from the roll of membership of said Lodge, for the reason he falsified in his petition to the Lodge.

"Set aside the action of Lodge No. 359, Philadelphia, on the petition of Harry Conrad Kube; directed that his name be stricken from the roll of members of said Lodge, and all moneys paid as fees and dues be returned to him, for the reason that he was not under the tongue of good Masonic report."

DECISIONS

"In order to clarify an apparent misunderstanding which appears to prevail in this Jurisdiction, it is my decision that "Free Born" does not in any manner refer to illegitimacy and inasmuch as it appears to me that by Decisions Nos. 179, 599 and 600, of the Digest of Decisions, many honest and respectable men have, through no fault of their own, been deprived of the privileges of becoming members of our Fraternity, I am of the opinion, after very serious consideration, that such decisions should no longer be part of the Rules and Regulations governing admissions to our Fraternity and I therefore now revoke said Decisions Nos. 179, 599 and 600, of the 1937 Edition of theDigest of Decisions, above referred to, in the hope that we may correct a serious injustice which has for a number of years been permitted to exist in our Fraternity."

OHIO. Grand Master. 1944

" 'Once a Mason, always a Mason,' is true so far as it relates to the use to which Masonic teachings have been absorbed and faithfully lived. The extent to which the lessons of the square, the level, and the plumb are used daily will determine whether a man's life will always be Masonic.

"Generally speaking, a man is unaffiliated because he has lost interest in Masonry. We need to exert all possible effort to have such men affiliate and revive their interest in Masonry for the contribution their presence among us will have upon the moral and spiritual welfare of our country in the days after the war. There are thousands of unaffiliated Masons in the State of Ohio. Many of our members come in contact with them almost daily. No doubt with the great ingathering of Masons among our Lodges at the present time, a word to the unaffiliated would awaken in them a desire to become active again. There is one incentive that might be offered and that is the abolishing of the affiliation fee. It is thought by many that there should be no affiliation fee. A Brother has paid the required fee for the degrees and nothing additional should be required for him to pay in transferring to another Lodge. I am recommending that our Lodges discontinue the charging of an affiliation fee, keeping in mind that they are obtaining dues-paying members and these represent a regular annual income.

NEW MEMBERS

"When I entered upon my term as Grand Master, I immediately incorporated into my program a thought which has been with me for a number of years, and which became more active in my mind after the start of the present war, and that is that more attention should be paid to new members after they have completed their work. In too many cases very little or nothing is done to inspire an interest on the part of the new members in their Lodges. Many of the new members are of a makeup that requires something in addition to the conferring of the degrees to get them to come back to Lodge. It may be timidity, self-consciousness, or lack of close acquaintance in the Lodge. In my opinion, it was imperative that a program be started to interest our new members at once, particularly because of the fact that many of our candidates are in the service and have or will receive some or all of their degrees in other Jurisdictions. Therefore, I directed the District Deputy Grand Masters to ask each of their Lodges to appoint a Committee for the purpose of contacting each new member at least once during the year, immediately following his admission into the Lodge, and to perhaps set aside a night for them in the Lodge.

"I am indeed pleased to report that the Lodges in Ohio have recognized the importance of this work, and during this year have done a great deal in contacting their new members and arranging special meetings for them in their Lodges, and I wish to thank each and every Lodge which has followed out my program in this respect.

"I am sure that in the days and years to come, the benefit from work of this kind will be most apparent to all."

SCOTLAND. Grand Master. 1945

THE LATE BROTHER FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason made sympathetic reference to the profound loss suffered by Freemasonry through the death of the President of the United States of America, Brother Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and intimated that he had sent a message of condolence to each of the Grand Lodges in the United States which exchange representatives with the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

CONGRATULATIONS
BROTHER HARRY S. TRUMAN

The Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason announced that it was with peculiar pride he sent congratulations on behalf of his Scottish Brethren to the new President of the United States, Brother Harry S. Truman, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland near the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

TASMANIA. Board of General Purposes. 1945

"A letter has been received from the Military Postal Authorities stating that in view of the antagonism by Nazis towards Freemasonry and Freemasons, the District Censors have requested that in the interests of Prisoners of War, who are members of our Order, no indication be given either by correspondence or when forwarding parcels by Masons or any Masonic body that would disclose that the addressees are Freemasons or associated with Freemasonry. A circular to this effect has been issued to all Lodges for their guidance.

"A circular has also been issued to Lodges advising that the Grand Master, on the recommendation of the Board, has agreed to suspend the operation of Reg. 208, to enable Lodges to have a substituted Master Mason's Apron made of suitable material, say of white linen or calico, until such time as the correct White Lambskin Aprons are available."

QUEBEC. Grand Master. 1943

When we met here one year ago the powers of aggression directed by powerful and cruel men were still extending their domination of free peoples all over the world. Recent events warrant the impression that the tide of battle has definitely turned and that the forces of right, justice, and freedom will finally overcome the aggressor. It is our paramount duty, not only as citizens but as Masons, to lend all our efforts to the early accomplishment of this objective.

Our very existence is at stake, for, did not victory crown our aims, the cherished ideals of this ancient and honourable institution and the freedoms so painfully and slowly acquired through the centuries would pass from the earth for generations to come.

As we meet here in comfort and security at this time, our thoughts are naturally directed to those of our less fortunate Brethren in countries occupied by the enemy, who, are not only deprived of their Masonic privileges but who are subject to special persecution by the ruthless enemy who hates every type of free institution. We pray for their early deliverance.

We rejoice that so many of our brethren, true to the principles inculcated in them at their initiation, are in the fighting forces or otherwise serving their country. We pray for their success and safe return among us.

Brethren in the Armed Forces are cautioned, when in the actual theatre of war, not to carry with them any Masonic emblem, travelling certificate or any other means of Masonic identification which, if they were captured by the enemy, would substantially add to their danger and persecution.

As the way becomes a little clearer and the goal of Victory becomes more distinct, it is perhaps proper that we pause to reconsider the principles for which we fight; they have been stated as religious liberty, freedom of speech, our system of justice and self-government and the full opportunity of the individual for self-development and advancement.

Under the operation of our system prior to the war, the real fruits of these freedoms were not enjoyed by a large number of our people. Ill-fed, ill-clothed, and ill-housed, rendered almost hopeless by their condition, they had little opportunity or ambition to rise out of the mire. A charitably-minded community considered its duty discharged if it kept that portion of society from actual starvation. But now our horizon is widening, public consciousness is awakened and the principles of our beloved Order—brotherly love, relief and truth—are to be the basis of a new civilization.

The four great and essential freedoms which the leaders of the two great Anglo-Saxon nations have declared to be the basis of a finer civilization would have been achieved long years ago, had the world practiced the cardinal virtues taught by our Masonic Art. Care must, however, be taken in considering the many schemes for the amelioration of conditions, lest we present an illusion—that progress can be attained by legislation only and that ancient virtues of work, faith, thrift and courage which our civilization has advanced to its present stage, are no longer requisite.

As the true Mason searches for the truth slowly and painfully through the eternal mysteries of nature and science, so the world must make its progress through toil and sweat and blood and tears, and, however may be divided the good things of the earth, there is only available the total produced by the efforts of the individuals. To the extent that a higher life is accorded to those not fully contributing therefor, the balance of the community must work harder to compensate, or materially reduce their own standard. All theories which are opposed to the foregoing can, if put into practice, only lead to chaos and disillusionment. Common sense and goodwill will be much required in the testing days that are to come.

There have been repeated suggestions during the past few years that the Masonic Order should widen its scope and take a larger place in public affairs. It has been pointed out that the excellent work done by service clubs and other organizations places them in an enviable position to attract members by the public knowing of the work done by them. I can see no advantage in our Order entering into this field which is sufficiently well covered even if it were desirable, which I do not consider it is.

It must be recognized that the Masonic Order is in the last analysis a philosophy of life and likely to appeal to the few rather than the many. Its contribution to the field of public service must necessarily be indirect rather than direct. Members of the Order, as individuals, take a foremost place in positions of State, church and these institutions organized for the alleviation of suffering or the improvement of the status of humanity. The active efforts put forward by members of the Craft in these directions carries with it an influence very much out of proportion to the number contributing.

There has been the feeling in certain quarters that the Masonic Order is getting out of date. The principles upon which the Order rests are eternal and will never be out of date. As the members of the Order become more conscious of the extent of their responsibility to carry out to the fullest extent the principles and teachings of the Order, will their influence be felt both in their own community and in the country at large. Thus will they truly help Masonry to fulfil its high destiny in the advance of civilization.

I have been astonished at the deplorable ignorance displayed on the part of the average Mason with respect to Grand Lodge affairs, its Constitution, its history, its financial positions and its progress. The Masters of the Constituent Lodges, in particular, and the line of District Deputy Grand Masters, in general, must be considered as responsible.

Much valuable information is contained in the published Proceedings of each Annual Communication of Grand Lodge which are distributed to the secretaries of each Lodge and which is the property of each Lodge. On the first page of such Proceedings are the words "Ordered to be read in all Lodges and preserved." It is not recommended that the entire report be read annually in each Lodge, but substantial excerpts must be so done in order that the Craft in general may be kept informed as to what has taken place at the Annual Communication, the progress of the Order, etc., omitting the statistical part of the Grand Master's address and the details of his visit, the review of his principal acts and his summary of the condition of the Order should be presented to the Lodge as well as such matters of interest as the Grand Secretary's report, the report of the respective District Deputy Grand Master, the report on the State of Masonry, the report of the Permanent Committee and that of any other committee as would be interesting and informative, while a summary of the financial position would doubtless be of interest to the members. Any neglect to perform this duty is a breach of discipline which cannot be permitted to continue. The District Deputy Grand Master should report on this matter relative to each official visit he pays.

The tendency becoming annually more evident of lodges to seek outside the Craft for speakers at banquets, etc., who speak on non-Masonic subjects is to be deplored. In the Craft are available many speakers who could present interesting and instructive addresses on Masonic subjects to the enlightenment of their brethren. The desire of many Masters of the Constituent Lodges to fill practically the entire refreshment hour with speeches and so limit the friendly social intercourse which knits the brethren together defeats one of the main purposes of our Order.

KENTUCKY. Grand Master. 1944

"Masonry stands for all the good things in life and none of the bad. It stands for those things which are for the betterment of mankind. Any order that has such an objective is worthy of the profound study of all men who are interested in the welfare of the human race. This Order appeals to the best men of your generation and mine, it has appealed to the best men of generations gone by, and I know it is going to appeal, perhaps even more so, to those who are yet to come.

"Masons have played an important part in the history of this country from its beginning down to the present time; they are playing an important part now, and I believe they are destined to play an even more important part in the future. Masons wrote the Declaration of Independence; Masons wrote the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights; and as you read those famous documents you will see that they are not only filled but that they are overflowing with the ideals and principles of Masonry. I like to look upon Masonry and America as synonymous terms, each representing the great ideas of a free and liberty-loving people; and to me, they are synonymous terms. The ideals of America and the ideals of Masonry are one and the same.

"The keynote of Masonry is Service, and if there ever was a time in the history of the world when the opportunity to serve was present it is now; and if there ever was a time in the history of the world when the spirit of fraternalism was needed it is today. That is what is wrong with the world today; it is lacking in that fraternal spirit and feeling that is represented by this Masonic institution; if that spirit and feeling of fraternalism could permeate throughout the world, we would not now be engaged in the great catastrophy and bloodshed and misery and suffering that is going on today.

"We hear much about the Four Freedoms. The four freedoms the world needs today are freedom from hate, freedom from greed, freedom from intolerance, and freedom from prejudice. If we had those four freedoms throughout the world, everything would be all right. They are the freedoms that Masonry will teach and does teach and has taught and will continue to teach throughout the ages. This may not be expressed in just the exact words, but that is the meaning of the freedoms that we have and that this great fraternity stands for.

"But, my brethren, with it all, we are faced with grim realities. We are engaged in a mighty conflict, and there is no need to ask where Masonry stands in this world crisis. Every principle on which our philosophy is based has been violated; every ideal that we cherish has been trampled under the iron heel; every moral aspiration has been sneered at and spat upon. Virtue, honor, and mercy have been expunged from the totalitarian dictionaries. Faith, hope and charity are torn from the hearts of men to make room for lust, hate and cruelty. The altars of our fathers have been cast down. Not one stone of the Temple of Justice has been left standing upon another. Masonry cannot view this destruction of civilization with the detached interest of a neutral, for every tenet and principle it enunciates is being foully abused and overthrown. Its voice must be raised in solemn condemnation of the aggressors; its influence must be exercised to awaken the public conscience to the desperate plight of free institutions and free people; its every effort and resource must be dedicated to bringing about the final triumph of Right over Might.

"We have had handed down to us, my brethren, a glorious heritage; we are proud of that heritage, and our job is to start here and carry on into the future. It is our job to hold fast to the ideals of this great fraternity; to carry that torch and to hold it high, that it may shed light throughout a darkened world.

"We are going to win this war in which we are engaged, and when we do, and when the lights go on again all over the world, I believe that fraternalism is going to flourish more than ever before. We are going to look through the dark clouds and into the silver lining that lies ahead; Masonry is going to play a very important part in building the idealism that is to be, the dream of a free people, as we enter upon the future.

"It was Albert Pike who said 'What we do for ourselves alone dies with us; what we do for others and the world lives and is immortal.' It is in that spirit that I enter upon the solemn duties of the important office as your Grand Master and assume the trust you have placed in my hands, with the sincere desire and hope that I may be able to render some worth-while service to this Fraternity that will live forever. In that spirit of service let me give you this philosophy of life expressed in verse:

"Do not live to make a living,
Rather live to make a life,
For the measure of succeeding
Is your service in the strife.

"All that you leave behind you
When your soul has crossed the bay,
Is the good you've done to others
As you tarried by the way."

CONDITION OF THE FRATERNITY

MAINE. Grand Master. 1944

"As of March 1, 1944, the membership of the constituent lodges was 35,532, representing a gain of 825 for the year. We have reason to congratulate ourselves that so substantial a gain has been made; it is not so great as to create the suspicion that lodges are not giving careful scrutiny to those who would become members, nor is it so small as to give rise to the fear that the fraternity may be losing its appeal to the worthy. It is a healthy gain, one in which we can take great satisfaction."

MINNESOTA. Grand Master. 1944

STATE OF THE CRAFT

"It is customary to give a brief review of the state of the Craft with reference to gains and losses in membership for the year. Due to present conditions I feel that I should dwell somewhat more at length on this subject. It appears that many more than in a number of past years are now knocking at our doors and I have been frequently asked to grant dispensations to confer the Degrees on more than five and not more than ten candidates at one time. Some might look with alarm on this condition. May I call your attention to the distressing decade of the Thirties. Not so many were seeking admission into our Fraternity during that period. While it was a period of widespread distress I am sure that many did desire to join with us but for financial reasons were unable to do so. It was also a period when many a brother was dropped for non-payment of dues. In a recent survey made in three sections of the country, it was found that the Lodges there had nearly three times as many Masons over the age of seventy than they had under the age of thirty. We can well be proud of those over seventy years of age who have been faithful throughout the years. However, we have a ten-year period when we did not receive many petitions from those in their twenties. With improved conditions they are now appearing at our doors and coming in as an older age group. We are now granting them the opportunity to realize their long cherished desires. Then too, a number of young men entering the armed forces of the United States have been seeking admission and I know of no desire that could be more worthy of consideration than that these young men be privileged to receive the Degrees in their home Lodge where a father or a brother who is a Mason, may reside. Yet in the receiving of an increasing number of applications the qualification of those who seek admission to our Fraternity should continually be the concern of the Lodge Officers and the Brethren, to see that none who are unworthy may be received.

"During the year there were the following gains and losses:

Raised	1420	
Affiliated	446	
Restored	394	
Total Gains		2260
Withdrawn	485	
Stricken	476	
Deceased	851	
Total Losses		1812
Net Gain		448

"It is gratifying to note and I am pleased to report to you that for the first time since 1929 this Grand Lodge has shown a net gain. Our membership ledger is again in the black. We trust it will remain there.

NEBRASKA. Grand Master. 1944

STATE OF THE ORDER—THE FUTURE

"Most of the lodges in this jurisdiction have 'lots of work.' Some of the larger lodges can hardly keep up with the demands. Next year should show a far greater gain in membership than this year. Yes, many are seeking the light of Masonry and I hope that they will find the light of Masonry impressively interpreted and a true fellowship among their brethren that will bind them forever to this great institution.

"Masonry has always upheld the American way of life; the great leaders and patriots of the past have pointed out the way we should travel, and to those who have contributed so largely to the political, social and moral frame of this great country of ours, we should honor by following in the paths that they have marked out before us. As the world rolls on and on, the part Masonry has to play, becomes more and more evident. How well Masonry will function, will depend upon the INDIVIDUAL Mason!

"Many problems have been presented during the year in regard to some of our lodges in small towns, hard hit by war conditions. We have possibly too many lodges in some sections, too close together. Very little can be done about these until after the war has ceased and it is known whether our young men, now engaged in other pursuits, will return to Nebraska. The state has lost population through emigration to other localities seeking more lucrative employment. Will they return again?

"Money is plentiful at present. Let me warn you, as executive officers of your lodge, in the most solemn manner at my command: Put Your House In Order Now! If your lodge owes money, now is the time to plan to get out of debt. If there is a large amount of uncollected dues, do something about it. Compromise with these brethren, especially if they are no longer resident, and get on a current basis with all members. There will be a bad time following this conflict.

"This year, several lodges have sent in to our Grand Secretary, advance payments on their Grand Lodge Fees and Dues bill for the year. That would be a splendid practice for all lodges to adopt. Many brethren do not understand that we are always a year behind in our payments. Try and do this, this year.

"Plan now for years to come. Adopt a budget system, to govern your expenditures. Set aside funds for the rainy day that is coming. Let us be in position that no lodge in Nebraska will suffer when depression strikes again and it is surely coming. A glorious future will lie ahead for Freemasonry in Nebraska, if we will meet our problems with wise plans, with courage and faith. Remember it largely depends on you, the individual. What is everybody's business is nobody's business."

ALBERTA. Grand Master. 1944

Masonry in Alberta I am happy to report is very much alive. A larger number of applications for initiation have been received than since 1939, resulting in an increase in membership of 128.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. Board of General Purposes. 1943

MEMBERSHIP

"The number of members on the register on June 30th, 1943, was 14,046, an increase for the year of 489, the highest recorded since the year ended June 30th, 1928. The figures show that there have been 751 initiations (223 above last year), 250 joinings (37 in excess of 1942) and decreases of 3 in affiliations and 166 in removals."

SOUTH DAKOTA. Grand Master. 1944

MEMBERSHIP AND CONSTITUENT LODGES

"Masonry is thriving in South Dakota. The spirit of Service is manifest in every section of the jurisdiction. Masonic fraternalism has become a fraternalism of the heart rather than that of good fellowship. Let us thank God for this, as it makes it possible for us to do something worthwhile and the world better for our existence in it. We are building for the best that there is in life. Building for character, friendship, morality and brotherly love. Let us keep this in mind and not live for ourselves alone. The Grand Lodge and the Constituent Lodges are in good financial condition and there should not be any fears as to the growth and progress of our great Fraternity."

NEW ZEALAND. Board of General Purposes. 1943

"(Condition of the Craft.) This clause was informative. The President of the Board remarked upon the gratifying advance made during the year, bringing the membership of the Craft to 27,685, the highest since Grand Lodge was inaugurated. He said that the previous peak was in 1931, when the membership reached 27,301. During the succeeding years there was a falling off until 1936, when the membership was 25,466. Since then the membership had increased annually.

"The motion for the adoption of the clause was seconded by W. Bro. Clay.

"The Grand Master said he thought they might reasonably look forward to a large influx when times became normal again. The future seemed to hold great prospects for the Craft in New Zealand."

NEVADA. Grand Master. 1944

"The generally harmonious attitude in the Craft, the sustained Masonic interest, the efforts of those entrusted with leadership to maintain and improve our Lodge meetings, the spirit of willingness of the Brethren to perform cheerfully such Masonic tasks as fall to their lot is evidence that Masonry in Nevada is in a healthy condition.

"All of our lodges, with few exceptions, are busy conferring degrees, both on their own candidates and courtesy degrees. They have kept their finances on a sound basis, standing behind our Government in the present emergency, through the purchase of war bonds. They have contributed liberally to the Masonic Service Association and other organizations that have to do with the war effort. Individual craftsmen are active on draft boards, ration boards and are faithfully fulfilling their duty to their government both as Masons and Americans."

NOVA SCOTIA. Grand Master. 1944

"Masonry made great strides forward during the past year. Our membership increased materially and the Grand Lodge and all subordinate Lodge finances are in a healthy condition. There was a marked increase in Lodge attendance and the interest and enthusiasm of the brethren correspondingly increased. This was due to greater prosperity and the fact that in times of great stress and strain men naturally turn to the better institutions.

"During the year the Grand Lodge Officers and myself worked out several plans which we believe were for the good of the Order: ..

SUSPENDED MEMBERS

"We made an effort to have worthy suspended Masons return to their Lodges. As a result 135 members came back. This compares favorably with the average of 58 for the past six years."

WISCONSIN. Grand Secretary. 1944

We are pleased to note that Masonry the past year has gone forward particularly in the point of membership, showing a net gain of 454, and, we believe, in the real Masonic spirit as well. Today great numbers are knocking at the door for admission into the Masonic fraternity. May we suggest that we be watchful and guarded as to those who are admitted into our Craft and see that none pass except those that may be duly qualified to be received and accepted into our Craft as far as moral and physical qualifications are concerned.

I am pleased to note that many lodges are making an honest endeavor to make Masons rather than add names to the roster.

NEW JERSEY. Grand Master. 1944

During the year, owing to conditions prevailing as a result of the war, Masonry has felt the results, and for the first time since 1932 we are reporting a net gain. While this number is not so large, namely 680, still it represents an advance. But with these changing conditions, brethren, let us not become careless in that we think only of numbers, but let us be particularly careful in the selection of our members and seek to make Good Masons rather than numbers.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA. Grand Master. 1944

"It is gratifying to know that, even with a world at war to determine whether men shall remain free or become slaves, the principles of Freemasonry are still commending themselves to men. We appreciate that evident trend, but in view of it we must be especially careful in our investigations of those who seek to join our ranks. We all know that after the last war many applied for, and some gained admission, to the privileges of Masonry who had no conception of what Masonry stands for. All that concerned them was that it was an influential organization and that prestige attached to membership in it. Such initiates are of no value, and throughout the course of their Masonic lives may be members of Lodges but are never Freemasons. Probably, almost certainly, we will find many after this war desiring to join the Craft for what they think they can get out of it. Such applicants are better outside than in, and Lodges will do well to examine very critically every application for membership."

MONTANA. Grand Master. 1944

"I am very happy to report that peace and harmony have generally prevailed and the condition of the Craft is better than for many years. We are reporting a net gain of 667 members. This is the largest growth we have had for many years and is very gratifying. Most of the Lodges have been very active, a total of 2,972 degrees were conferred. The generally prosperous conditions that prevail make it possible to report only 135 members suspended for nonpayment of dues, the lowest number in many years. More degree work makes better work, and what I have seen has usually been exceptionally good.

"The financial condition of the lodges is generally much improved. I have participated in mortgage burning ceremonies for four lodges. It is a pleasure to report these prosperous conditions, which are so different from the reports all through the 'Thirties' when our reports were showing serious losses, and finances were generally in pretty bad shape. I sincerely hope our present satisfactory gains continue through the years to follow."

OKLAHOMA. Grand Master. 1944

"Some weak Lodges actually unable to carry on do not want to consolidate because some relative of members was a charter member or for some similar reason, little realizing that Masonry is being injured and they are receiving but little benefit from an inactive Lodge. The profane is not interested in petitioning for the degrees in a 'dead Lodge' and do not forget they know whether you are meeting or not.

"Frequent requests for opinions and decisions have been made but they have been answered in most cases by merely referring to the law that is applicable. There are still individuals, as well as Lodges, that do not know that a dispensation issued by a Grand Master does not reach beyond the term of his office. Some Lodges are still relying on dispensations issued some years ago to justify their action now. A few still claim they thought that it made no difference where the Entered Apprentice Contribution came from so long as it was paid, and they have been taking it out of the minimum fee for the degrees.

"Out of the first 256 Lodges making report there were 74 that state they cannot confer the degrees without outside help. Some claim they can confer all the degrees but the District Deputy Grand Master is somewhat dubious. When we consider that three out of each ten Lodges cannot confer the degrees, we definitely are not getting the results desired. We must give it serious consideration and plan to make a correction.

"In my opinion a great deal more attention should be given to Lodge schools, particularly having in mind developing the small Lodge to where it can confer the degrees with at least some degree of accuracy, rather than permit ourselves to follow the line of least resistance in holding District schools for the primary purpose of producing as many Certificate Lectures as possible."

NEW YORK. Grand Master. 1944

"I take not a little satisfaction in being able to report to you that in 1943, for the first time since 1929 the Fraternity in New York State sustained a gain in membership. Each year, for thirteen years, it has been necessary to report a net loss and I know that you will rejoice with me that the tide has now turned, and that last year we had a net gain of 2,527 members.

"I should not want you to think, that, in reporting and thus commenting upon this fact, I take any personal credit for it, or that I regard mere numbers as a goal in themselves. Quite the contrary; the increase is a product of the times and will be of benefit to us only if in each Lodge in the State, we shall see to it that these new members are not merely added to the rolls, but become, in very truth and fact, Masons in their hearts. I enjoin upon every Lodge the necessity of the due investigation, careful instruction, and complete assimilation into our Masonic family, of these men who are now in such large numbers knocking at our doors. I think the older men among us would all agree that, in the past, some mistakes have been made. Let us not repeat that experience.

"Remember always the words of our Ritual: 'It is better that no workman be added to the roll, than that one unworthy be permitted to cross the threshhold of the Lodges.' "

CANADA (In the Province of Ontario). 1944

MEMBERSHIP

"The report of the Grand Secretary will show an increase of 1,552 in membership for the year ended Dec. 31st, 1943, a gratifying continuation of the improvement noted a year ago in this respect. While it is not my intention to transgress on the report yet to be given you, I would like to make comment on three gratifying features. Part of the increase is obtained by the restoration of 476 of our brethren, the greatest number of reinstatements for many years. The second cause for gratification is that, during the year, the number of suspensions was by far the lowest in many years. As I compare the suspension figures for this year I find that they are much lower than was considered a fair average twenty years ago. Then from the preliminary figures submitted to me I find that the number of resignations has been reduced gradually each year until for this period we have what might be reasonably regarded as a sub-normal figure. These features appeal to me even more than the fact that the lodges are all enjoying a busier period with a substantial number of candidates being received throughout the entire jurisdiction. In the year to which I am referring, a total of 3,602 candidates was received, but, if I am to judge by the lodge notices received since January 1st, the influx is now at a much higher rate and in this calendar year, if the Fall months show the same continued interest, our gain will be much greater.

"In this regard, while by nature I am not a pessimist, nor do I want to appear to be cooling the ardor and enthusiasm of our membership, I must sound a warning if I am to be true to my responsibilities as Grand Master. Let me preface my warning by intimating that I am not alone in the viewpoint I am about to express. Grand Masters of other jurisdictions throughout the Masonic world, in private many of them, and many in their Masonic pronouncements, have felt impelled to make similar comment. Make certain that every applicant for Masonry will make a real Masonic addition to the Craft. It is more than ever necessary to heed the old injunction, 'Guard well the Portals.' No matter how large or how small a lodge may be, it can only make a limited number of Masons in any one year, and if the lodge adds to its membership more applicants than it can make Masons, it is conferring no favour on either the Craft or the applicant. Let us, this time, make certain that there shall be no repetition of former unfortunate experiences which were foretold by Grand Masters a quarter of a century ago when they pleaded for more care, and when their plea so often went unheeded.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

"One can hardly touch on the matter of lodge finances without realizing how many of our lodges suffer from improvident life membership plans and the careless use of funds received from such fees. There are few lodges whose annual fees are more than sufficient to take care of ordinary expenses, let alone provide for free life membership at specific periods. Yet there are some lodges in which life membership is granted after the brother has paid dues for as short a period as twenty-five years. In other lodges the fees paid to purchase life membership are being used as current receipts. Of course, they should be placed in a reserve account as a capital asset. I recommend that the finance committee of all lodges investigate this matter and, where necessary, that they bring practicable proposals for amendment to the lodge by-laws so that difficulties in later years may be avoided. I can assure you that already this is a real problem with several of our lodges and it is gratifying to learn that some, at least, are facing it.

LODGE NOTICES

"In recent years several of the lodges have extended the use of the lodge summons greatly beyond its original purpose of calling the brethren to stated and emergent meetings. Some notices are almost in book form with a variety of news items which may or may not be of any interest to the membership generally. It is quite in order for the Worshipful Master or the Secretary to convey a Masonic or lodge message through this medium, but there is no place for much of what has come to my attention during the past year. For example, it is highly improper to advise through the notice that Bro. A— has established, set up or moved his business to a certain address. Again the notice should not be used for invitations to attend meetings, concerts, etc., sponsored by any body outside of Craft Masonry, or such organizations as are part of Craft Masonry, such as Past Masters' Associations. No emblem, crest or insignia of any organization other than Craft Masonry should be used or shown on notices. The foregoing will indicate to some extent my attitude with regard to matters which have appeared in some lodge notices during this term. I reprimanded those responsible for another objectionable practice, namely that of including in the envelope which carried the summons other matter soliciting support for a commercial project, and I ask Grand Lodge to confirm the ruling made on that occasion as follows:

" 'It is contrary to Masonic precept to use the envelope which carries the lodge summons for the distribution of anything printed or otherwise with respect to any activity other than Craft Masonry, unless by permission of the Grand Master.'

"The permissive clause is to provide for instances which, in the opinion of the Grand Master, may be in the National or Craft interest."

MARYLAND. Grand Master. 1944

GOOD OF THE ORDER

"For the past six months, the subordinate Lodges have been very busy in conferring degrees. I trust the investigation committees have done their work well. Large membership is desirable, but not at the sacrifice of the careful consideration of the moral character of the petitioner. The increase in our membership during the last six months totals the number of 777, and 1,520 for the year."

MAINE. Grand Master. 1945

"Measured by most every yardstick Masonry in Maine appears to be healthy and prospering. The net gain of 1,431 members during the last year is the largest since 1921 and raised the total membership to 36,963. The impressive total of 2,490 members raised, affiliated or reinstated during the past twelve months brings memories of the days after World War I. when our membership swelled rapidly, only to decline equally sharply a few years later. There has been evidence that some lodges could and should have weighed more carefully the qualifications of their applicants.

"May the Great Architect forgive us if we allow ourselves to think that the strength of our great fraternity is primarily measured in numbers. Our true condition is reflected in our good deeds, and in the degree to which we measure up to the tenets of Masonry."

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

FLORIDA. Grand Master. 1944

"If the experience of my predecessors has been the same as mine—and several of them have told me that it has—one does not fully realize the importance of this office until he has been Grand Master. All now in the elective offices have at one time been District Deputies. It is my impression that all the Grand Masters under whom it has been my privilege to serve since being a Florida Mason served previously as District Deputies in their respective Districts. Those who have not had the purple of the fraternity cast upon their shoulders served as well—and perhaps better—than those of us who have been more highly honored. They have gone out of office unheralded and unsung. We advanced one step in giving to them the recognition which is their due in conferring upon them the permanent title of 'Right Worshipful.' However, in further token of our appreciation for their services, I recommend that this Grand Lodge give to all present District Deputy Grand Masters, and to all future District Deputies, a lapel button on which shall be the Masonic emblem of the square, compasses, the letter 'G,' the two pillars and the eye, in gold in the center on a blue background, and around the circumference, on a blue background, the words, also in gold, 'District Deputy Grand Master—Florida.' (Approved).

''This report would not be complete if I did not say something about those personal representatives of the Grand Master, who are officially known as the 'District Deputy Grand Masters.' I am indebted to them for the many courtesies to me personally, and the fraternity is indebted to them for the excellent and conscientious manner in which they have supervised Masonic activities in their respective Districts.''

ALBERTA. Grand Master. 1944

The office of District Deputy Grand Master is one of great importance and responsibility and should be filled only by competent, well informed brethren, who are ready and willing to sacrifice their time and use their talent to further the best interest of the Lodges in their respective Districts and Masonry in general. He is the personal representative in his District of the Grand Master and as such he should keep in close touch with every Lodge under his care. He should acquaint himself with their conditions, assist them in their problems and render service that will promote their general welfare.

VIRGINIA. Grand Master. 1944

"Following the lead of my distinguished predecessor, I asked that the District Deputies make their official visits and send in their reports within sixty days after their appointment. I am grateful to them for their hearty compliance with this request which gave me an opportunity to become acquainted with the condition of the Lodges early in my term and to make such suggestions to the Deputies and Masters of the Lodges as I thought indicated to rectify deficiencies.

"I am grateful indeed to these brethren for their faithful services and their assiduity in arranging the District Meetings. On only two of these was the Deputy concerned absent and in one of these instances he was out of the District attending another meeting. Four of the Deputies resigned by reason of entry into our armed forces."

CANADA (In the Province of Ontario). Grand Master. 1944

D.D.G.M. MANUAL

"For some time it has been felt that, in addition to verbal instructions to the District Deputy Grand Masters and to insure uniformity of interpretation, a manual might be issued to which many members of the Board, and more particularly Chairmen of Committees, might make such contributions as they felt would be of value to the District Deputy Grand Masters, in the discharge of their duties. I recommend that a Committee be appointed to prepare such a manual and to set up such regulations governing its contents, control and distribution as they deem advisable."

MASONIC EDUCATION

MINNESOTA. Grand Master. 1944

"A year ago the Grand Master dwelt at length on this subject and made some timely suggestions. Lodge attendance continues to be more or less disappointing. In a check of the first 65 reports from District Supervisors, which reports include 11 City Lodges, the total attendance at the 65 Communications reported on was 2,541, or an average of 39. The total membership of those 65 Lodges as of the first of last year was 25,410. Hence it is evident that there was only 10% of the entire membership present. From the reports I further learn that 30% of the 65 Lodges reported on had made no provision for any definite form of entertainment. I have observed that where there has been good ritualistic work, whether it be in the opening and the closing of the Lodge or in the conferring of the degree that the Brethren are more attentive and show interest, yet at times there is a tendency on the part of those who are not officers and have no direct part in the conferring of Degrees to feel that they have nothing to do. However, their part is also important and can be made more so through the attention that they give, helped to do so by the character of the work done by the officers. The indifference of officers can do too much in the discouragement of those who should also be set to work. There must be a reason for a Brother to want to go to Lodge other than just the reason that he is a member. There must be something of which he is more definitely a part. He must take home with him from his Lodge something of value and he must be assured in his mind as he leaves his Lodge room that the things worth while have not yet all been received by him. He must desire to seek more and more the light that is due him. He must go to his Lodge with faith and hope and we must not permit him to go away disappointed. I realize that men have duties and responsibilities apart from their Lodge that justify their absence from Lodge and I do not wish to appear too critical of Lodge attendance. The Committee on Masonic Research and Instruction has given careful consideration to this question and I am firmly convinced that if the programme they have in mind is carried out that we shall find a happier condition in many of our Lodges. The Grand Master last year set forth a programme in accord with the thoughts in the minds of the Committee on Masonic Research and Instruction of which he is now a member. He told us that the time had come when we must realize our greater responsibilities to our Brethren and in the furtherance of the plan a fund set aside in the General Fund of the Grand Lodge, in the hope that it would be appropriated for the compensation of a Director of Masonic Service to be appointed by the Grand Master. Brethren, I am convinced that we have Craftsmen who can forge a key that will unlock many of the latent possibilities in our Lodges. I sincerely recommend that favorable consideration be given to this programme at this session of the Grand Lodge.''

EDUCATIONAL LODGES

''On June 24th Education Lodge No. 1001 at Duluth was constituted by the Grand Lodge, with R.W. Brother Dick A. Mitchell, Deputy Grand Master, presiding. For that purpose an Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge was opened in due form on the Third Degree at the Masonic Temple, 4 West Second Street, Duluth, Minnesota. This is the first Educational Lodge Chartered by this Grand Jurisdiction. It is of interest to note that Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Chauncey C. Colton, is its first Master and Worshipful Brother Walter B. Congdon, Grand Sword Bearer, is its first Secretary-Treasurer. It is further of interest to note that any Master Mason in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction may become a member on his election and any Master Mason in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge of any other Grand Jurisdiction may become an associate member on his election. We congratulate the officers and members of this Lodge and shall follow their progress with interest.''

NOVA SCOTIA. Grand Master. 1944

EDUCATION AND INSTRUCTION

''We stressed the necessity of instruction to newly-made Masons and the education and training of Lodge Officers.''

RULINGS AND DECISIONS

NEVADA. Grand Master. 1944

''In order that petitioners for the degrees of Masonry have a better understanding of the exact nature of our institution from the start, and in order to prevent disappointments after initiation and dissatisfaction by Masonic families, and in order to aid examination committees, I recommend that our form of petition for the degrees of Masonry be revised by the Grand Secretary to include the following statement concerning Freemasonry. The statement is to be read by the petitioner before signing the petition, then detached and retained by the petitioner:

''Having expressed a desire to become a Freemason, we presume you have thoroughly considered the step you propose to take. The exact nature of our Institution being unknown to you, we consider it advisable that you should be informed on certain points, and knowledge of which might affect your decision to apply for membership.

''Freemasonry strives to teach a man the duties he owes to God, his neighbor and himself. It has for its foundation the great basic principles of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, and requires a belief in the immortality of the Soul. It interferes neither with religion nor politics. Admission to the Institution must not be sought from mercenary or other unworthy motives, nor from hope of personal gain or advancement. Anyone so actuated will be disappointed, and in all friendship we warn you.

''Freemasonry is not a benefit society. We do not subscribe so much a year to entitle us to draw financial relief; or to make provision for those we leave behind, or to admit us to a Masonic Home. Its charity is intended for those who, through no fault of their own, have met with misfortune.

''Freemasonry has in all ages insisted that men shall come to its door entirely of their own free-will; not as a result of solicitations; not from feeling of curiosity; but from a favorable opinion of the Institution and a desire to be ranked among its members.

''We think it advisable to inform you that should you be admitted it will entail certain financial obligations, which you should be able to afford without detriment to yourself or those dependent on you. In addition to the fees payable with your petition, there will be an annual subscription for the support of your Lodge, as provided in its By-Laws.

"We trust you will consider these statements in the same spirit of honesty and friendship in which they have been presented. It is of the utmost importance to you as well as to Freemasonry that the motives and ideals governing your daily life be in substantial accord therewith.

"In addition to those questions now answered by the applicant, the following be included:

1. Are you married, divorced or single?..........

2. If married, are you living with your wife?..........

"The committee be required to personally interview the applicant and answer, in addition to other questions:

1. Does he pay his debts promptly?..........

2. Have you personally interviewed the applicant?.........."

MAINE. Grand Master. 1945

"Twice I was asked concerning physical qualifications. My reply in each instance was that if a candidate was physically maimed, but not to the point where he could neither receive nor impart Masonic instruction, he was eligible under our rules to receive the degree.

"Once I was asked what course a Lodge should pursue when an elected candidate reported to the Master that he had decided not to take the degree and also expressed the hope that his deposit fee might be returned to him. I replied that I knew of no power on earth, or above or below it, which could compel an elected candidate to take the degrees should he choose not to do so. I further informed the Lodge that the matter of retaining or returning the deposit fee was for it to decide, but I ventured the suggestion that the diplomatic thing to do would be to return it."

NORTH CAROLINA. Grand Master. 1944

"A Lodge asked the question, 'Can a candidate affirm instead of swear?' when being coached. My answer was 'no.' according to the decision of two Grand Masters as follows: 'None of the degrees in Masonry can be conferred upon a candidate who does not accept the verbiage of the obligation as prescribed by the Grand Lodge.' Decision by Grand Master Cash, Proceedings, 1926, page 169; 'A candidate must be sworn on the Holy Bible.' Cf. decision by Grand Master Anderson, Proceedings 1927, page 157:

'A Lodge asked if a man who had lost his right hand could take the degrees in Masonry. My answer was 'yes,' according to the Code, page 66, section 116, paragraph 3:

"Maim or deformity shall not prevent a candidate from being initiated, passed, or raised, provided such candidate can by artificial means comply with the provisions of paragraph 1 of this section."

SASKATCHEWAN. Grand Master. 1944

"During the year the question of physical requirements in candidates came before me several times. I have adhered to the Constitution in dealing with that question, Section 150 of the Constitution provides that if an applicant can comply with the requirements of our ceremonials by the aid of artificial limbs and is otherwise worthy material his petition may be entertained on obtaining a dispensation from the Grand Master. When those conditions were met I granted dispensations, but when an application was made without meeting those conditions I refused a dispensation. I also refused a dispensation for an applicant who is totally blind. That caused me much concern, but I am sure that I was right. I heard the Grand Master of one of the largest of our Sister Grand Jurisdictions recommend to his brethren that all physical requirements be abandoned as mediaeval and outgrown. I watched for the result. I have since learned that the only change which his Grand Lodge made was such as to make its Constitution practically identical with ours. A review item by item of our ceremonies of making Masons will reveal that any great change in our Constitution in regard to physical requirements will necessitate radical changes in our ceremonies and the abandonment of a substantial part of our symbolic teaching. When I was first called upon to consider this question I purposed recommending to this Grand Lodge that a special committee be appointed to study the whole question anew and report a year hence. My study of the question and my contacts with other Grand Jurisdictions have convinced me that no good purpose would be served by so doing, and I make no recommendation of change.

''I was not called upon to make many rulings. The matter of holding an emergent meeting on Sunday for some purpose other than a funeral came before me. I am so sure that Freemasonry is a handmaid to religion and a support for the observance of a special day for religious purposes that I had no hesitation in ruling that Lodge meetings for purposes other than for attendance at Divine Service or funerals may not be held on Sunday. Masonry has a moral standard to maintain which it seems to me requires this token of respect of that day.

''I was called upon more than once to restrain Lodges from some action which entered the field of politics, that is, of National or Provincial affairs. Brethren become so interested in war problems or rehabilitation problems that they are prone to turn to an effort to influence government policies in these respects. The object may be excellent and the Brethren as citizens are quite within their rights in advocating government action. But neither in their Lodges nor as individual Masons can they do such things without violating one of the cardinal principles of Freemasonry.''

VIRGINIA. Grand Master. 1944

''The following decision I feel should be reported for purposes of the record.

"Q.—Will you advise me whether there is any proper precedure we may take to eliminate from our membership roll an honorary member? We have such a one we feel there is no reason why we should continue to carry thereon; he has never visited our Lodge during the past fifteen years; he was placed on our roll shortly after this Lodge was organized, for what reason I have never been able to ascertain; he is unknown personally to any of our active members. I have ascertained that he is not a Past Master, and I gather from the Digest that this is a requirement for honorary membership.

"A.—Since Honorary Membership is voluntarily conferred, I saw no reason why a Lodge should not have the right to take away what it has voluntarily given and so held that the honorary member could be dropped from the list of honorary members by a proper motion adopted by the Lodge at a Stated Communication."

NOVA SCOTIA. Grand Master. 1944

DECISIONS

"Question asked by M.W. Bro. G. Stevens, P.G.M.

"In a recent issue of a Halifax newspaper there appeared a funeral notice asking officers and members of the Halifax Chapter, No. 7 Order of the Eastern Star to assemble at a certain address for the purpose of attending the funeral of a late sister of this order. This notice was surmounted by an emblem, the exact duplicate of our Masonic emblem. I would like a ruling from the Grand Master as to the legality of any fraternity or body using this emblem, other than our own Masonic fraternity.

"Answer—'The emblem of the Masonic Order is not copyrighted. Therefore, we cannot legally prevent other societies from using it.'

"Question asked by Virgin Lodge, No. 3.

"Could a ballot be taken for three, two of whom were candidates for initiation, and the other one an application for affiliation?

"Answer—No, the candidates are not 'Masons.' The application for affiliation is a 'Brother Mason' and should not be grouped in a ballot with candidates for initiation.

"Question asked by Athole Lodge, No. 15.

"On April 14th last, one A V K passed a successful ballot in Athole Lodge, and has not since been able to present himself for any of his degrees, owing to the fact that he is a Lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Navy, and is now on the West Coast for what he believes to be permanently, and is very anxious about taking his degrees. Under the circumstances would it be possible for him to have the degrees conferred by a Lodge under the Jurisdiction of British Columbia?

"Answer—The candidate must receive the First Degree in the Lodge in which he was elected, before the Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees can be conferred by another Lodge."

OREGON. Grand Master. 1944

"There have been very few requests for rulings and decisions during the year, which indicates that harmony prevails throughout the Grand Jurisdiction.

"The authority granted at the Annual Communication in 1943 to constituent Lodges to meet and open the Lodge at Undertaking Parlors, Churches, etc., for the purpose of conducting funerals made no provision for the closing of the Lodge at the same place and in the same manner, and in July I was asked if it was lawful to close the Lodge at the Undertaking Parlors, Churches, etc.

"I ruled that it was the intent of the amendment to permit the Master to declare the Lodge closing at the Undertaking Parlors, stating that the important consideration was to keep a correct record of the meeting in the minutes of the Lodge and have them approved at the following stated communication.

"The old question of 'When is a man a Master Mason?' was asked in the same letter, and I stated (and this is not a ruling but simply a statement), according to Sec. 219 (1) a man is a Master Mason 'By having regularly received the degree of Master Mason, and signed the By-Laws.'

"I was asked to have the Grand Lodge officers lay the cornerstone of a church which was about completed. I wrote the committee in charge of arrangements that it was the policy of the Grand Lodge to lay the cornerstone of any building at the proper time, or when the foundation was ready to receive it, and not after the building is about completed. Therefore we could not lay the cornerstone."

OREGON. Grand Master. 1944

"The Master of a Lodge asked if it was lawful to petition for the degrees in either Royal Arch Chapter or a Lodge of Perfection before showing proficiency in the candidate's lecture of the Master Mason Degree, stating that no penalty was provided.

"I ruled that according to Section 238 (27) a Mason was required to show proficiency in the candidate's lecture of the Master Mason Degree before petitioning for degrees in any order or fraternal society 'The qualifications for membership being that of a Master Mason,' and a Brother violating this rule would be subject to Masonic discipline.

"The Master of a Portland Lodge asked for a ruling on the following questions:

"Several applicants were elected to membership by initiation. After they were declared duly elected it was called to the attention of the Master that two members who had not taken their Master Mason examinations on the candidate's lecture were present and voted, also one Master Mason who had taken the Master Mason Degree more than six months previously and who had not been examined on the candidate's lecture, was also present and voted.

"1. Did a member lose his right to protest the legality of the ballot because he did not voice his protest when the ballot was taken?

"I ruled that he did not lose the right to protest the legality of the ballot, or, in other words, the action of the Master.

"2. If the protest is made, must it be in writing?

"I ruled that it must be in writing, for he is in reality preferring charges against the Worshipful Master for improper conduct of his Lodge.

"3. Is it going to be necessary to re-ballot?

"I ruled that a second ballot would be illegal, that it would not be necessary to re-ballot, and referred the Master to Section 225 (5): 'After the ballot has been taken as provided herein and duly examined first by the Wardens and finally by the Master, the result only, namely, "elected" or "rejected," be made known and recorded, and such result cannot be set aside by the Lodge, the Master, the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge.'

"The same Master also asked for a ruling on the legality of a ballot when several members in good standing were admitted to the Lodge after balloting had started, and who took part in the balloting. The candidate was declared duly elected to become a member by initiation. During a recess some of the members insisted that the ballot was illegal, and stated that the petition should be balloted on again, which was done, and the candidate was declared rejected.

"I ruled that the first ballot was legal and referred him to Section 225 (5) as quoted above."

MAINE. Grand Master. 1945

''I have declined to approve three requests to hold meetings on Sundays for the purpose of conferring degrees.

''Three decisions were made which seem to be without precedent.

"1. A relative of a member who had been suspended for non-payment of dues requested that he be permitted to secure the reinstatement of the suspended Brother without his knowledge or consent. On this question I ruled that a Lodge cannot act upon an application for reinstatement which comes from any person other than the former member himself.

"2. An applicant in the armed forces wishing to join a Maine Lodge secured a waiver of jurisdiction from the proper Lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction. When the waiver was received it was found to contain a conditional clause as follows: That the waiver was granted with the understanding that the prospective Mason should if accepted pay to the Grand Jurisdiction granting the waiver, the difference between the amount of the fee of the Lodge to which he applied and the minimum fee for the Grand Jurisdiction involved. On this question I ruled that our Lodge should not accept a waiver of jurisdiction which obligated a prospective member to pay any money to another Grand Jurisdiction. If the candidate wished to make a voluntary gift, that was entirely a personal matter.

"3. Another question involving jurisdictional rights between Grand Jurisdictions called for a decision. One of our Lodges received an application which stated that the applicant had been rejected by a Lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction in 1920. An inquiry to the rejecting Lodge seeking information concerning the character and record of the applicant brought the reply that an applicant once rejected remains forever within the jurisdiction of the rejecting Lodge unless

> and until the objection has been removed. In this case twenty-five years had elapsed since the rejection and the candidate had been a resident of Maine for five years or more.

"'My decision on this question was that our Maine Lodge could properly receive and ballot upon the application, if the applicant met all other requirements. I do not believe our Grand Lodge subscribes to the policy of a life claim to a rejected candidate.''

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In the City of Winnipeg, on Wednesday, 5th of June, 1946, in the Ballroom of the Fort Garry Hotel, the M.W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons met in the Seventy-first Annual Communication. The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 2.30 p.m. by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey. The Invocation was given by the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Rev. H. B. Wallace.

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ELGIN LODGE No. 86:

W. Bro. L. D. Anderson ... M.
Bro. J .E. Clark .... S.W.

R.W. Bro. E. J. Smillie

RATHWELL LODGE No. 87:

R.W. Bro. E. B. Litz
W. Bro. W. A. Caswell
W. Bro. H. A. McLeod
W. Bro. G. Thomas

MIDLOTHIAN LODGE No. 90:

W. Bro. Thos. Oakes........M.
Bro. D. E. Weir........S.W.

M.W. Bro. D. S. Woods
R.W. Bro. W. N. Cameron
R.W. Bro. W. A. Duncan
W. Bro. W. McCulloch
W. Bro. A. C. Orchard

SHOAL LAKE LODGE No. 92:

R.W. Bro. J. R. Stalker
W. Bro. B. H. Manning

KING EDWARD LODGE No. 93:

W. Bro. W. G. Pickering....M.
Bro. L. J. Turner......S.W.
Bro N. O. Morrison....J.W.

R.W. Bro. Frank Baxter
R.W. Bro. Dan. McLean
W. Bro. F. Appleby
W. Bro. F. H. Blythe
W. Bro. J. R. Fraser
W. Bro. E. I. Fritch
W. Bro. E. L. J. Fuller
W. Bro. R. N. Gillespie
W. Bro. A .W. M. Harrison
W. Bro. W. H. McPherson
W. Bro. F. Williamson

HIRAM LODGE No. 94:

Bro. R. A. Knox.......S.W.

W. Bro. J. H. Cameron
W. Bro. H. A. Linn
W. Bro. D. S. Mills
W. Bro. D. N. McIntyre

ROBBIE BURNS LODGE No. 100:

W. Bro. H. B. Thompson....M.
Bro. R. M. Woodard....J.W.

BINSCARTH LODGE No. 101:

W. Bro. W. A. Burnett......M.

MINIOTA LODGE No. 102:

W. Bro. Alva E. Brad.......M.
Bro. J. B. Mitchell.....J.W.

M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson
R.W. Bro. W. D. Berwick
W. Bro. D. Cunningham

CRESCENT LODGE No. 103:

W. Bro. D. R. Woods........M.
Bro. M. Milloy.........S.W.
Bro. E. J. Penston......J.W.

R.W. Bro. H. R. Bewes
W. Bro. A. H. Watchorn
W. Bro. R. H. Wood

RESTON LODGE No. 104:

W. Bro. G. L. McMorran	M.	R.W. Bro. J. Cuthill
		W. Bro. M. S. Evans
		W. Bro. E. J. Guthrie

PRINCE ARTHUR LODGE No. 105:

Bro. V. S. Poulson	S.W.	

STRATHCLAIR LODGE No. 106:

W. Bro. J. M. Sinclair	M.	W. Bro. H. W. Clark
Bro. T. D. McLean	S.W.	W. Bro. H. M. Mayhew

LANSDOWNE LODGE No. 107:

Bro. B. Goldenberg	S.W.	W. Bro. R. A. Hanley
		W. Bro. R. M. McMillan

UNION LODGE No. 108:

W. Bro. Geo. Mitchell	M.	R.W. Bro. J. P. Lawrie
		R.W. Bro. E. A. Newcomb
		W. Bro. R. H. Curll
		W. Bro. C. F. L. McLeod

SWAN LAKE LODGE No. 109:

W. Bro. H. I. Skinner	M.	W. Bro. O. W. Couch
Bro. W. Livingston	S.W.	

KILWINNING LODGE No. 110:

Bro. D. J. MacDonald	J.W.	W. Bro. J. B. Francis
		W. Bro. E. V. Sands

ACACIA LODGE No. 111:

W. Bro. David Smith	M.	R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter
Bro. Robt. Sharp	S.W.	W. Bro. T. S. Copland
Bro. A. C. Slessor	J.W.	W. Bro. W. S. Corbett
		W. Bro. J. R. Gray
		W. Bro. J. H. McNeice
		W. Bro. C. Ross
		W. Bro. C. C. J. Sanderson
		W. Bro. J. R. Torbet

OPHIR LODGE No. 112:

W. Bro. B. Warkentin	M.	W. Bro. Wm. Craik

TWEED LODGE No. 113:

Bro. H. S. Perdue	S.W.	R.W. Bro. Arthur Cooper
Bro. W. D. Gall	J.W.	R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan
		R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr
		W. Bro. E. C. Cowan
		W. Bro. H. M. Gibson
		W. Bro. R. H. Cross

"THE ASSINIBOINE" LODGE No. 114:

W. Bro. J. W. Hall.......... M.
Bro. Wm. Fraser...... S.W.
Bro. R. A. Sara........ J.W.

R.W. Bro. J. L. McInnis
R.W. Bro. Wm. McLellan
R.W. Bro. John Parton
V.W. Bro. Alex. Campbell
V.W. Bro. P. M. Johnston
W. Bro. W. S. Archibald
W. Bro. A. E. Boyle
W. Bro. N. M. Hall
W. Bro. W. B. Johnston
W. Bro. D. S. Lofthouse
W. Bro. W. A. Mackie
W. Bro. O. E. MacQuoid
W. Bro. Jas. Scott
W. Bro. J. F. T. Young

RIVERS LODGE No. 115:

R.W. Bro. T. W. Offen

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE No. 116:

Bro. H. G. Turner...... S.W.

W. Bro. A. Fraser
W. Bro. W. A. Mackie
W. Bro. J. A. Caldwell
W. Bro. S .L. Reidle
W. Bro. J. J .Wells

STRATHCONA LODGE No. 117:

W. Bro. M. E. Graham ... M.

R.W. Bro. A. J. Box
R.W. Bro. D. MacDonald
W. Bro. D. N. Campbell
W. Bro. N. T. E. Madsen
W. Bro. E. A. Syms

MOUND LODGE No. 118:

W. Bro. Ed. M. Hammond M.
Bro .R. A. Creith...... S.W.

W. Bro. Geo. Nadin

NORWOOD LODGE No. 119:

W. Bro. L. J. Green........ M.
Bro. R. T. Force...... S.W.
Bro. E. H. Pascoe...... J.W.

R.W. Bro. F. W. Goodeve
V.W. Bro. T. G. Beatson
V.W. Bro. S. C. Taylor
W. Bro. W. J. Besant
W. Bro. J. V. Dillabough
W. Bro. J. M. Fraser
W. Bro. H. Mitchinson
W. Bro. R. A. Macdonald
W. Bro. F. McKenzie
W. Bro. W. M. Summers
W. Bro. A. Tisdale
W. Bro. J. S. Torell
W. Bro. A. J. Wright

PENZA LODGE No. 120:

W. Bro. W. W. Casson...... M.
Bro. Hector Spence.... S.W.
Bro. J. F. Wallace...... J.W.

R. W. Bro. J. A. McVicar
W. Bro. N. Baskerville
W. Bro. A. S. Calder
W. Bro. H. W. Davison
W. Bro. E. Snead
W. Bro. J. R. Witty

ST. JAMES LODGE No. 121:

Bro. A. R. James...... S.W.
Bro. G. W. Rattray..... J.W.

W. Bro. R. E. Emmett
W. Bro. Thos. King
W. Bro. A. L. Large
W. Bro. W. S. Marley
W. Bro. M. McMahon
W. Bro. F. W. Piper
W. Bro. E. S. Reeves
W. Bro. D. Stringer
W. Bro. Jas. Wylie

ROBLIN LODGE No. 122:

Bro. W. H. Sorbo...... S.W.

R. W. Bro. I. L. Mitchell
V. W. Bro. J. Bruce Day
W. Bro. Wm. Abbott
W. Bro. Thos. Roberts
W. Bro. G. Rusk
W. Bro. R. Rusk

TRANSCONA LODGE No. 123:

W. Bro. E. McKeown........ M.
Bro. E. Buckby........ J.W.

W. Bro. M. Cochran
W. Bro. T. D. Conlin
W. Bro. T. R. Evans
W. Bro. R. T. Esselmont
W. Bro. L. E. Gendron
W. Bro. A. W. Harvey
W. Bro. R. A. Kellie
W. Bro. Jas. Taggart

THE PAS LODGE No. 124:

W. Bro. Wm. Howie........ M.

R. W. Bro. H. J. Aitchison

PATRICIA LODGE No. 125:

W. Bro. A. B. Campbell..... M.

R. W. Bro. L. C. Welsh
W. Bro. O. R. Brown
W. Bro. J. L. Hamilton
W. Bro. P. R. Jeske
W. Bro. J. H. Tjaden
W. Bro. J. J. Tjaden
W. Bro. Geo. Wallace

FAVEL LODGE No. 126:

R. W. Bro. G. W. Russenholt
W. Bro. R. F. Hunter

EMPIRE LODGE No. 127:

W. Bro. F. Williamson......M.
Bro. S. McGowan......S.W.
Bro. Geo. Smith.......J.W.

R.W. Bro. Jas. Wardrope
W. Bro. A. D. Adamson
W. Bro. Wm. Campbell
W. Bro. J. Ford
W. Bro. E. Johnston
W. Bro. W. Lamb
W. Bro. A. Sinclair
W. Bro. R. W. Wakeham
W. Bro. J. N. G .Wyatt

VICTORY LODGE No. 128:

FORT GARRY LODGE No. 130:

W. Bro. J. P. Finlay........M.
Bro. A. C. Fitch........S.W.
Bro. L. J. Hogg........J.W.

M.W. Bro. R. Burritt
M.W. Bro. Harry Woods
R.W. Bro. M. H. Garton
V.W. Bro. J. J. Lyon
W. Bro. A. Adams
W. Bro. T. H. Clark
W. Bro. A. E. Duff
W. Bro. Thos. Gilchrist
W. Bro. J. L. G. Hay
W. Bro. N. James
W. Bro. J. S. Miller
W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions
W. Bro. J. W. Wilson

KILDONAN LODGE No. 131:

W. Bro. T. B. Francis.......M.
Bro. E. F. Aldiss.......S.W.

R.W. Bro. Henry Wilson
V.W. Bro. C. J. Nicholson
W. Bro. L. G. Barnes
W. Bro. A. H. Brotheridge
W. Bro. Wm. Inglis
W. Bro. A. E. Love
W. Bro. W. R. Morrison
W. Bro. W. S. Page
W. Bro. F. E. Simmons
W. Bro. C. M. Smillie
W. Bro. W. Thompson

SPRAGUE LODGE No. 132:

W. Bro. Thos. McCarthy...S.W.

McCREARY LODGE No. 133:

Bro. J. Allan.........S.W.
Bro. J. H. Hanson.....J.W.

R.W. Bro. T. L. Bishop

STONY MOUNTAIN LODGE No. 134:

Bro. R. F. Greene ...... S.W.

R. W. Bro. W .H. French
R. W. Bro. J. S. Wilson
W. Bro. C. H. French
W. Bro. H. Lusignan
W. Bro. C. A. Reed
W. Bro. R. L. Walker

CAPITOL LODGE No. 136:

W. Bro. Robt. Mitchell ...... M.
Bro. A. J. Maskell ..... S.W.
Bro. T. E. Burnett ..... J.W.

R. W. Bro. G. E. Miles
V. W. Bro. Wm. Paterson
W. Bro. T. A. Cherrett
W. Bro. H. W. Cooper
W. Bro. W. J. Law
W. Bro. J. A. McIlvride
W. Bro. Geo. Newman
W. Bro. H. A. Pascoe
W. Bro. S. H. Stevens
W. Bro. W. H. Webb
W. Bro. T. Wilson

LORD SELKIRK LODGE No. 137:

W. Bro. F. W. Hastings ...... M.
Bro. W. Hutchinson .... S.W.

R. W Bro. A. C. Campbell
R. W Bro. G. R. Mackay
W. Bro. E. W. Armstrong
W. Bro. Robt. Bonnett
W. Bro. R. A. Bruce
W. Bro. M. Ferguson
W. Bro. A. Huddlestone

WINDSOR LODGE No. 138:

W. Bro. R. McClure ...... M.
Bro. W. E. Munn ...... S.W.
Bro. P. T. Houston ..... J.W.

R. W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly
R. W. Bro. Dave Griffith
V. W. Bro. J. B. McClure
W. Bro. M. S. Astwood
W. Bro. T. C. Forbes
W. Bro. Chas. Gamble
W. Bro. A. J. Horton
W. Bro. John Hume
W. Bro. E. Fitz Munn
W. Bro. Geo. Tait
W. Bro. E. Wallace
W. Bro. C. A. B. Whiting

BEAVER LODGE No. 139:

W. Bro. J. S. John Rogers ... M.

V. W. Bro. Wilfred Lawson
V. W. Bro. S. W. Robertson
W. Bro. F. H. Herbert
W. Bro. Murdo MacLean
W. Bro. J. P. Mowat
W. Bro. A. W. Phelps

MERIDIAN LODGE No. 140:

W. Bro. A. J. MacIver ..... M.
Bro. G. Kerslake ...... S.W.
Bro. J. M. Ross .... J.W.

M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd
R.W. Bro. David MacKay
R.W. Bro. Hugh Mackenzie
W. Bro. D. J. Hollingsworth
W. Bro. D. A. King
W. Bro. R. A. Macdonald
W. Bro. David Milliken
W. Bro. Jas. Mowat
W. Bro. A. A. Reid
W. Bro. A. Wildgoose
W. Bro. A. T. Woolston

TUSCAN LODGE No. 141:

W. Bro. Dave Robertson .... M.
Bro. N. C. Law .... S.W.
Bro. H. E. Harris ...... J.W.

V.W. Bro. N. Rothstein
W. Bro. J. E. Biggerstaff
W. Bro. Ford Braden
W. Bro. N. W. Code
W. Bro. T. Crossley
W. Bor. H. H. Gray
W. Bro. R. Lane
W. Bro. J. McKenzie
W. Bro. F. C. Nixon
W. Bro. A. R. Simpson

HARMONY LODGE No. 142:

MT. SINAI LODGE No. 143:

W. Bro. S. Golden .... M.
Bro. T. J. Serebrin ...... SW.
Bro. I. Zipursky .... J.W.

R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green
R.W. Bro. M. A. Nitikman
V.W. Bro. C. J. Bermack
W. Bro. A. J. Blond
W. Bro. F. B. Dubinsky
W. Bro. Solomon Frank
W. Bro. J. Fred
W. Bro. J. Goodman
W. Bro. H. Guttman
W. Bro. I. Guttman
W. Bro. H. A. Kaplan
W. Bro. Wm. Leonoff
W. Bro. H. J. Nusgart
W. Bro. J. L. Rill
W. Bro. M. Rosenstock
W. Bro. A. E. Weidman

FORT OSBORNE LODGE No. 144:

W. Bro. J. F. Kristjansson ... M.
Bro. F. W. Woodward .. S.W
Bro. M. A. M. MacIver . J.W.

W. Bro. E. D. Chable
W. Bro. G. Y. Cook
W Bro. J. R. Glenn
W. Bro. E. D. W. Smith

STURGEON CREEK LODGE No. 145:

W. Bro. L. D. Bester........M.
Bro. Nels Pearson.....J.W.

W. Bro. D. A. Best
W. Bro. E. W. Browne
W. Bro. H. F. Giller
W. Bro. W. F. Kerby
W. Bro. N. McIntosh
W. Bro. Geo. Zachary

FIDELITY LODGE No. 146:

Bro. W. W. Pile........S.W.

R. W. Bro. Geo. Florence
R. W. Bro. J. J. Sinclair
W. Bro. N. B. MacTaggart
W. Bro. R. B. Nixon
W. Bro. S. C. Swanton
W. Bro. F. H. Williams

JUBILEE LODGE No. 147:

SEVEN OAKS LODGE No. 148:

W. Bro. W. G. Woodfield....M.
Bro. R. A. Morrison....S.W.

R. W. Bro. F. W. Brownell
W. Bro. J. Alexander
W. Bro. S. V. Basley
W Bro. Jas. Love
W. Bro. G. Macaulay
W. Bro. E. J. Scott
W. Bro. J. Woodmass

CARTWRIGHT LODGE No. 150:

R. W. Bro. W. H. Newton

THE DORMER LODGE No. 151:

W. Bro. E. Taylor............M.
Bro. E. Melhuish......S.W.
Bro. A. C. Keel........J.W.

R. W. Bro. R. W. Ross
R. W. Bro. Harry Sherstone
V. W Bro. S. R. Bird
W. Bro. W. G. Brisley
W. Bro. J. Elder
W. Bro. A. E. Longstaffe
W. Bro. C. H. Wells

FOXWARREN LODGE No. 152:

FLIN FLON LODGE No. 153:

W. Bro. A. R. Douglas......M.

W. Bro. S. E. T. Dodd

PINE FALLS LODGE No. 154:

Bro. B. H. Campbell...S.W.

R. W. Bro. D. C. Robertson
W. Bro. Wm. Bird
W. Bro. Roy Gohn
W. Bro. E. J. Kahle

CARMAN LODGE No. 155:

W. Bro. G. A. Greenaway	M.	R.W. Bro. A. W. Badger
Bro. L. Sures	S.W.	W. Bro. J. Millroy
Bro. N. B. Refvik	J.W.	W. Bro. A. E. Shewfelt
		W. Bro. G. W. Weaver

MANITOUWAPA LODGE No. 156:

Bro. T. Moorbey	S.W.	W. Bro. D. Ferguson

Honorary Members:

M.W. Bro. Louis H. Colson
M.W. Bro. C. C. Colton
M.W. Bro. Mark I. Forkner
M.W. Bro. Harry Gill
M.W. Bro. F. W. Matson
M.W. Bro. C. H. Pollock
M.W. Bro. R. W. Stanford
R.W. R. A. Tate

Distinguished Guests:

M.W. Bro. Canon G. H. Crane-Williams
M.W. Bro. Fred. C. Hayes
M.W. Bro. F. A. Copus
M.W. Bro. T. N. Engdahl
M.W. Bro. Vernon Gates
M.W. Bro. Rilie R. Morgan
R.W. Bro. J. A. Stormon
W. Bro. W. B. Congdon
W. Bro. N. R. Fitch

All Master Masons desiring to enter Grand Lodge were then admitted and assigned to special seating accommodations to the rear of the Senior Grand Warden.

ADOPTING REGULATIONS

Moved by R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan, (113), seconded by M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson (102), that the regulations for conducting the Sessions of Grand Lodge be adopted as printed. Carried.

THANKSGIVING FOR VICTORY

In a few remarks, the M.W. the Grand Master opened Grand Lodge then gave a cordial welcome to the brethren attending the Annual Communication.

After his remarks, he suggested the procedure to be followed in working out the details of the Program and requested the co-operation of all present.

He called attention to the fact that the Annual Communication met this year for the first time after the cessation of hostilities and suggested to the brethren that it would be fitting for this Grand Lodge before proceeding with the program to return thanks to the Great Architect of The Universe for the kindness of His providence and the blessings of Peace. He then called on the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Rev. H. B. Wallace to proceed to the Altar and lead the Grand Lodge in a prayer of remembrance of members, and of next-of-kin of all who paid the supreme sacrifice, and particularly to lead this Grand Lodge in a new and complete dedication of all our plans for the building of a better world.

PRAYER

Eternal God, who has made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on the face of the earth, mercifully receive the prayers that we offer for our troubled and perplexed world. Defend Thou the cause of human freedom by Thy Divine power. Grant that within our generation all nations shall acknowlege Thy way. As we remember those who gave their lives to help secure our freedom, may we highly resolve that these noble dead shall not have died in vain.

Almighty God. who didst lead our fathers into this land, and set their feet in a large room; Give Thy grace, we beseech Thee, to us their children, that we may approve ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor, and glad to do Thy will.

Bless our Dominion with honorable industry, sound learning and pure manners. Save us from lawlessness and discord, pride and arrogance, and fashion into one godly people the multitude brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Give to all the spirit of service, love and mutual forbearance. In prosperity make us thankful unto Thee, and in the day of trouble suffer not our trust in Thee to fail. So that, loving Thee above all things, we may fulfil Thy gracious purpose in this land.

Thou Great Architect and Ruler of the Universe, bless and prosper the Institution which we represent here today. May Thy wisdom guide us; Thy omnipotent strength support us: and the beauty of Thy divine will, adorn all our actions.

Amen.

READING OF MINUTES

Moved by M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (130), seconded by R.W. Bro. Rev. H. B. Wallace (6), that the Minutes of the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, having been printed in the Proceedings be taken as read, with the following alteration in page 144: "provided however, that if authorized by its By-Laws, a Lodge may transact its business in the Entered Apprentice Degree" not—"in the Entered Apprentice or Master Mason Degree" as printed in the above mentioned Proceedings. Carried.

REPORT OF NOMINATIONS

The Acting Grand Secretary reported the following nominations had been received for the Grand Lodge Offices, Board of General Purposes and District Deputy Grand Masters:

Grand Master:
R.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan, Tweed Lodge No. 113.

Deputy Grand Master:
R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Windsor Lodge No. 138.

Senior Grand Warden:
R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald, Shiloh No. 70.

Junior Grand Warden:
R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington, Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1.
R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter, Acacia Lodge No. 111.
W. Bro. F. E. Simmons, Kildonan Lodge No. 131.

Grand Treasurer:
R.W. Bro. Alex Burgess, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.

Grand Secretary:
M.W. Bro. Samuel Burland, Stonewall Lodge No. 12.
M.W. Bro. Dr. Peter T. Pilkey, Ionic Lodge No. 25.

Grand Chaplain:
W. Bro. E. A. Syms, Strathcona Lodge No. 117.

Grand Historian:
M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, St. John's Lodge No. 4.

Grand Director of Ceremonies:
R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.

Grand Librarian:
M.W. Bro. George Hunter, Northern Light Lodge No. 10.

District Deputy Grand Masters:

First Masonic District:
W. Bro. A. S. McCann, St. John's Lodge No. 4.

Second Masonic District:
W. Bro. W. M. Froom, Carberry Lodge No. 29.

Third Masonic District:
V.W. Bro. H. A. Adair, Treherne Lodge No. 51.

Fourth Masonic District:
W. Bro. C. N. Mains, Doric Lodge No. 36.

Fifth Masonic District:
W. Bro. J. A. McKinnon, Russell Lodge No. 62.

Sixth Masonic District:
W. Bro. J. C. Duthie, Hartney Lodge No. 52.

Seventh Masonic District:
W. Bro. W. S. Clark, Oak Lake Lodge No. 44.

Eighth Masonic District:
W. Bro. Joseph Millroy, Carman Lodge No. 155.

Ninth Masonic District:
W. Bro. D. N. McIntyre, Hiram Lodge No. 94.

Tenth Masonic District:
W. Bro. Jas. W. Lindsay, Stonewall Lodge No. 12.

Twelfth Masonic District:
W. Bro. Harry H, Gray, Tuscan Lodge No. 141.
V.W. Bro. S. J. Bermack, Mt. Sinai Lodge, No. 143.
W. Bro. E. D. Chable, Fort Osborne Lodge No. 144.

Board of General Purposes:

R.W. Bro. E. R. Chapman, Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1.
R.W. Bro. R. M. Muckle, Lisgar Lodge No. 2.
R.W. Bro. J. C. Grant, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.
W. Bro. S. J. Sametz, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.
W. Bro. S. M. Morgan, Assiniboine Lodge No. 7.
W. Bro. W. J. Breakey, Morden Lodge No. 13.
W. Bro. J. F. Irwin, Neepawa Lodge No. 24.
R.W. Bro. H. T. Waters, Ionic Lodge No. 25.
R.W. Bro. O. S. Ross, Lebanon Lodge No. 43.
R.W. Bro. J. C. Bate, Killarney Lodge No. 50.
R.W. Bro. J. D. Harrower, Wawanesa Lodge No. 67.
R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman, King Edward Lodge No. 93.
R.W. Bro. John Cuthill, Reston Lodge No. 104.
R.W. Bro. L. C. Welsh, Patricia Lodge No. 125.
R.W. Bro. Jas. Wardrope, Empire Lodge, No. 127.
R.W. Bro. G. P. Fairbairn, Fort Garry Lodge No. 130.
R.W. Bro. G. E Miles, Capitol Lodge No. 136.
R.W. Bro. David Griffith, Windsor Lodge No. 138.
V.W. Bro. S. W. Robertson, Beaver Lodge No. 139.
W. Bro. David Milliken, Meridian Lodge No. 140.
W. Bro. A E. Longstaffe, The Dormer Lodge No. 151.
R.W. Bro. D. C. Robertson, Pine Falls Lodge No. 154.

CORRESPONDENCE

Regrets for absence were received from the following brethren:

R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman.
M.W. Bro. E. T. Greenway.
R.W. Bro. Geo. P. Fairbairn.
M.W. Bro. Robt. Hawkins.
R.W. Bro. F. K. Purdie.
M.W. Bro. James S. MacEwing.

also from

M.W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis, Alberta.
M.W. Bro. Sam Harris, Alberta.
M.W. Bro. Wm. Ireland, Alberta.

M.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, Alberta, Grand Secretary.
M.W. Bro. W. R. Simpson, British Columbia, Grand Secretary.
M.W. Bro. C. S. Hamilton, Ontario, Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. E. G. Dixon, Ontario, Grand Secretary.
M.W. Bro. S. A. Erickson, Minnesota.
M.W. Bro. W. F. Holman, Minnesota.
M.W. Bro. G. H. Nordbye, Minnesota.
M.W. Bro. W. P. Sturtz, Minnesota.
R.W. Bro. Jno. H. Anderson, Minnesota, Grand Secretary.
M.W. Bro. W. L. Stockwell, North Dakota, Grand Secretary.
M.W. Bro. Rex. Terry, South Dakota, Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. E. F. Strain, South Dakota, Grand Secretary.

Kind Fraternal Greetings were received from these brethren with their good wishes for a successful and harmonious Grand Lodge Communication.

The following telegrams were received:

Grand Chapter of Manitoba Order of Eastern Star.

Dr. P. T. Pilkey, June 5th, 1946.
Grand Master,
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.,
Fort Garry Hotel,
Winnipeg. Man.

The Grand Officer and Members of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba Order of the Eastern Star extends greeting to you and your fine members and wish for you a most profitable and happy Grand Session.

EDITH KEEL,
Grand Secretary

Mr. Harry Woods. June 11, 1946.
Acting Grand Secretary
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.,
Masonic Temple,
Winnipeg, Man.

Please convey to Grand Master and your Grand Lodge fraternal greetings from Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia in Annual Session assembled at Halifax.

REGINALD V. HARRIS
Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES
1945—1946

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes presents herewith a brief synopsis of its activities since the last Communication of Grand Lodge.

Your Board has held 8 meetings, with an average attendance of 22.

MEETING OF 7th JUNE, 1945
(29 Present)

The Board was convened immediately following the close of Grand Lodge, with 29 members present, R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan, being Deputy Grand Master, became president of the Board and R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Senior Grand Warden was elected Vice-President.

The following Committee was appointed to strike the standing Committees of the Board:

M.W. Bro. Sam Burland — Chairman
M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas
M.W. Bro. B. C. Parker
M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt.

MEETING OF 6th JULY, 1945
(26 Present)

The meeting was called to receive and consider the report of the Committee appointed to strike the standing Committees for the year 1945/46. In the absence of the President, M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt acted as chairman.

The report of the Committee, was presented by the chairman, M.W. Bro. S. Burland and was considered seriatim. Some amendments were made and the report finally adopted as a whole.

Banff Conference:

There was a general discussion about the Banff Conference and the following motion was presented.

That the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry be instructed to review the reports of proceedings at the Banff Conference for the years 1943 and 1944 and submit to this Board at its next meeting any recommendations it may deem advisable for the purpose of giving effect to the resolutions passed by the Conference.

A resolution was then passed by the Board authorizing payment of expenses of three delegates to the Conference to be held at Banff 5th to 7th of September, 1946.

MEETING OF 21st SEPTEMBER, 1945

(33 Present)

The President presided.

The correspondence regarding the final disposition of the property belonging to Shellmouth Lodge No. 129, was presented to the meeting and ordered to be entered in the minutes for record purposes.

Approval was given to the new premises purchased by Stonewall Lodge No. 12.

Approval was given to Killarney Lodge No. 50, to move to new premises in the I.O.O.F. Hall.

A charge was preferred by Seven Oaks Lodge No. 148 against a Past Master of the Lodge. A commission was appointed to hear and report on the charge.

Banff Conference:

A report was submitted by the chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry in regard to the proceedings of the 1943 and 1944 Conferences. The Committee reported the proceedings of the Conferences had been reviewed and that recommendations contained therein had been put into effect by this Board. In closing the reported stated—your Committee—appreciates the great help and inspiration these Conferences must be to the delegates who attend them.

The Deputy Grand Master gave a report on the Conference held at Banff 5th to 7th of September, 1945. This report is attached to the minutes of the Board.

Correspondence was received regarding a new Memorial Temple Building. In this connection the following resolution was passed.

1. That a new Temple should be erected as a Memorial to those members of the craft who have made the supreme sacrifice in the cause of freedom.
2. That a committee should be formed by the Temple Association to obtain information as to the cost of a suitable

Memorial Temple, and as to the means of obtaining the necessary funds.

3. The full cost of the project, including land, building and furnishings to be collected and in hand before any commitment is made or building operations commenced.

The M.W. Grand Master announced that, owing to the death of R.W. Bro. Rev. C. E. Somerset, he had appointed M.W. Bro. Harry Woods as Acting Grand Librarian for the remainder of the year.

MEETING OF 16th NOVEMBER, 1945

(25 Present)

A letter was received from the secretary of the Tenth Masonic District, and a copy of a resolution passed at the District Meeting, suggesting that there appeared to be undue delay in the receiving of certificates from the office of the Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master reported on the condition of affairs in the Grand Secretary's office; stating that the Grand Secretary was seriously ill in the General Hospital, and that his assistant had suffered a nervous breakdown and would probably be off duty for a couple of months, under orders from her Physician. The Grand Master further reported that arrangements had been made to carry on the duties of the Grand Secretary by appointing M.W. Bro. Harry Woods acting Grand Secretary, with the assistance of a committee composed of R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess, Grand Treasurer, R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and W. Bro. Adam Armstrong, Grand Lodge Auditor, who has kindly consented to keep the books of Grand Lodge written up. It was moved by M.W. Bro. Parker, seconded by W. Bro. Blythe, and carried, that the action of the Grand Master be concurred in.

Reports of Committees:

M.W. Bro. N. J. Black, Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, reported having received a letter from the Grand Lodge of Chili, with regard to the association of Grand Lodges of the American Continent, but as this would involve the inclusion of a number of Grand Lodges with whom we do not have fraternal relationship, it was his opinion nothing should be done in the matter. Bro. Black also read a letter he had received from the Grand Lodge of England, with regard to reviving Freemasonry on the Continent of Europe. The letter stated it was the intention of the Grand Lodge of England to proceed very carefully in order to be sure that no mistakes should be made in dealing with the brethren in charge. He also reported on a letter received from the Grand Lodge of Norway, and suggested this should be turned over to the Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba R.W. Bro. M. E. MacKinnon.

An interim report on the activities of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education, was presented by the Secretary, outlining what had been done during the present Masonic Year, and what the Committee hoped to accomplish before the next Communication of Grand Lodge.

The report of the Committee on the condition of Freemasonry, was presented by the Chairman, Wor. Bro. F. H. Blythe, that of the Finance Committee by its Chairman, R.W. Bro. Coddington, and that of the Investment Committee by M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt.

M.W. Bro. Parker, as Chairman of the Committee on Constitution Revision, spoke briefly on the aims of this Committee, and suggested that the Chairman of the various Committees review the duties and authority of their Committees, and forward to the Acting Grand Secretary any suggested amendments that might bring the Constitution in conformity with Grand Lodge and Committee requirements.

MEETING OF 6th DECEMBER, 1945

(13 Present)

The Vice-president presided.

This was a special meeting of the Board called for the purpose of considering a resolution re the sale of property of Stonewall Lodge No. 12. The sale was authorized.

MEETING OF 15th FEBRUARY, 1946

(22 Present)

The Vice-president presided:

When the meeting was called to order the Brethren stood in silent tribute to our late Grand Secretary John H. G. Russell, who passed away Thursday, 7th February, 1946.

A number of letters were received from within this Grand Jurisdiction as well as from other Grand Jurisdictions expressing deep regret over the passing of our late Grand Secretary.

Letters were received from the Secretaries of the First and Tenth Masonic Districts reporting on their respective District Meetings. These reports were referred to the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry.

Letters were received from a number of Brethren with suggested amendments to the Constitution, which were referred to a joint meeting of the Committees on Constitution Revision and Jurisprudence and Appeals.

A report from the Finance Committee was presented by the Chairman.

A report from the Committee on Investments was presented by the Grand Master asking for permission to sell the property known as 275 Harvard Ave. The permission was granted.

A report from the committee on Constitution Revision was presented by R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter, stating that the amendments to section 119 of the Constitution had been incorrectly published on page 144 of the 1945 proceedings of Grand Lodge. It was decided that when the Minutes of the Grand Lodge for 1945 was brought up for confirmation at the 1946 annual communication of Grand Lodge the one referred to above should be corrected.

Trial Commission, Seven Oaks, Lodge No. 148.

The Commission reported that the defendant had pleaded guilty to the charges brought against him, and was accordingly found guilty. The Board decided that he should be reprimanded by the Grand Master, before a meeting of the Board.

A letter was received from Lord Selkirk Lodge No. 137, asking that permission be given to change the place of meeting from the Sam Steele Memorial Hall to the Fort Rouge Masonic Temple. Permission was granted.

MEETING OF 12th APRIL, 1946

(27 Present)

The President presided:

Re: Seven Oaks Lodge No. 148.

The defendant in the trial appeared before the Board and was admonished by the Grand Master in accordance with the ruling of the Board.

Permission was granted to Mound Lodge No. 118 to purchase two lots for building purposes.

A letter was received from R.W. Bro. Sawatzky regarding East Star Lodge No. 55. This letter was referred to the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry.

The report of the Trial Commission re a member of Ophir Lodge No. 112 recommending the suspension of the defendant until 1st March, 1947. This recommendation was approved by the Board.

Reports were received from the following Committees. Finance, Jurisprudence and Appeals and Constitution Revision.

The M.W. Grand Master referred to the kindly assistance given by the Auditor, W. Bro. Adam Armstrong, in keeping the books of account of Grand Lodge written up during the months of November and December, 1945.

A letter was received from R.W. Bro. Sir M. H. Maxwale Anderson, thanking the members of this Grand Lodge for the gift of $1,000.00 for the rehabilitation of the Lodges situated on the Island of Malta.

MEETING OF 5th JUNE, 1946

The Board of General Purposes met this morning at ten o'clock. A request was received from Treherne Lodge No. 51 to purchase a property used as a hospital. This request was referred to the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry for investigation and report.

A request was received from Kilwinning Lodge No. 110 to have the purchase of property for Lodge premises approved. Approval to purchase was granted and permission to occupy was left in the hands of our Grand Master.

The reports of the respective committees were received, considered and approved. These reports will be presented to this Communication of Grand Lodge for your information and approval.

Your board has held 8 meetings during the year with an average attendance of 22. The meetings have been harmonious and have been carried on in a spirit of service to the Craft.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board.

MAURICE S. DONOVAN,
President.

HARRY WOODS,
Acting Grand Secretary.

Presented by R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (113) who moved it be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138). Carried.

REPORT OF ACTING GRAND SECRETARY

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

Owing to the illness and subsequent death of our Grand Secretary, the late R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell, who was taken to Hospital on October 30th, 1945, and died there on February 7th, 1946, I was appointed by the Grand Master, Acting Grand Secretary, and took over the duties of that office on November 15th, 1945.

I now submit the Seventy-first Annual Report of Grand Lodge for the office of Grand Secretary, for the year ending March 31st. 1946.

Copies of the Proceedings of the Annual Communication held on June 6th and 7th, 1945, were mailed to the Constituent Lodges, the members of the Board of General Purposes, and the Grand Lodges with which we are in fraternal relationship.

The Warning Circulars were prepared and mailed, as were also any Official Notices that it was found necessary to send to the Constituent Lodges during the year.

Certificates for Grand Lodge Officers, Past District Deputy Grand Masters, Life Members, Past Masters and Master Masons, have been prepared and forwarded to the Lodges concerned.

The Half-yearly Returns covering the activities of the constituent lodges for the calendar year 1945 were duly received. These returns showed a gross increase in membership of 886; losses through demits, suspensions and deaths however, amounted to 375, making the net gain 511.

Membership as at December 31st, 1944, as shown in the Grand Secretary's Report, presented at the last Annual Communication	10578	
Less discrepancy	21	10557
Net gain for year 1945		511
Membership as at December 31st, 1945		11068

Degrees conferred during the year:

	1945	1944
Entered Apprentice	699	619
Fellow Craft	639	502
Master Mason	627	535
	1,965	1,656

78 Lodges had no suspensions during the past year, as against 77 Lodges in 1944.

82 Lodges showed an increase in membership during the past year as against 79 Lodges in 1944.

Population remained stationary in 6 Lodges in 1945 as against 8 Lodges in 1944.

15 Lodges showed a loss in membership in 1945 as against 17 Lodges in 1944.

Dispensations:

The following Dispensations were granted by the Grand Master between April 1st, 1945, and March 31st, 1946 inclusive:

To hold Joint Installations	6
To attend Divine Service in Regalia	15
To change Lodge Premises	10
To hold special Lodge Meetings	5
To confer degrees within specified time	4
To elect Wardens, Secretaries and Tylers	9
To confer degrees after securing Waivers	4
To hold District Meetings	11
To change time and date of meeting	8
To hold Emergent Meetings for Installation	9
Dispensations granted	81

Purchase of Property:

Mound Lodge No. 118 received permission from the Board of General Purposes to purchase a piece of property in the Town of Pilot Mound, for the purpose of erecting a Masonic Hall. A Certificate of Incorporation has been obtained. We congratulate the brethren of Mound Lodge on the step they have taken.

A large number of Courtesy Degrees were conferred on brethren belonging to Constituent Lodges in our Jurisdiction by Lodges in our neighboring Grand Lodges also by the Grand Lodges overseas and south of the Border. We tender our thanks to them all.

The brethren of Lodges in our own Jurisdiction likewise conferred several courtesy Degrees at the request of other Jurisdictions.

The following are the Grand Representatives appointed by our M.W. Grand Master during 1945 near other Grand Jurisdictions, also, the following Grand Representatives near this Grand Jurisdiction recommended by the various Grand Masters were approved, and Commissions presented:

	Our Grand Representatives near other Grand Lodges	Date of Commission
Guatemala	R.W. Bro. Irving Stahl vice. R.W. Bro. C. A. Giesler, Deceased.	October 31, 1945
New Mexico	RW. Bro. John G. Benton vice. Bro. E. A. Turner, Deceased.	December 4, 1945
Saskatchewan	M.W. Bro. Fred C. Hayes vice. R.W. Bro. Wm. O. Fraser, Resigned.	July 23, 1945
Utah	W. Bro. John W. Buck vice. W. Bro. R. W. Macdonald, Deceased.	October 4, 1945

	Grand Representatives near this Grand Jurisdiction	Date of Commission
British Columbia	R.W. Bro. J. C. Grant, vice. R.W. Bro. C. E. Somerset, Deceased.	October 1, 1945
Delaware	R.W. Bro. H. A. Adair, vice. R.W. Bro. John Coulter, Deceased.	January 23, 1946
Ecuador	V.W. Bro. S. W. Robertson vice. R.W. Bro. C. Weichman, whose term of office has expired.	April 26, 1946
Guatemala	R.W. Bro. E. J. Smillie vice R. W. Bro. A. K. Cates, Deceased.	April 20, 1946
Kentucky	R.W. Bro. Wm. McLellan vice. R.W. Bro. J. L. Lawson, whose term of office has expired.	October 10, 1945
Maryland	W. Bro. David Ferguson vice R.W. Bro. Norman McDougall, Deceased.	November 5, 1945
Panama	W. Bro. R. Ernest Evans vice. W. Bro. I. B. Griffiths, whose term of office has expired.	March 22, 1946

	Grand Representatives near this Grand Jurisdiction	Date of Commission
Queensland	R.W. Bro. J. D. Harrower vice. R.W. Bro. E. E. Spencer, whose term of office has expired.	January 24, 1946
Rhode Island	R.W. Bro. J. R. C. Evans vice. R.W. Bro. J. R. Stalker, whose term of office has expired.	October 18, 1945
Rio de Janeiro	R.W. Bro. H. T. Trethewey vice. R.W. Bro. Wm. Cairns, Resigned.	December 13, 1945
Tasmania	V.W. Bro. T. L. Dodsworth vice. R.W. Bro. John Parton, whose term of office has expired.	July 21, 1945
Pending:		
Colombia	W. Bro. Chas. H. Wells vice. W. Bro. T. W. Neelands, whose term of office has expired.	October 6, 1945
Paraiba	V.W. Bro. Alex. Campbell vice. R.W. Bro. W. L. Cann, whose term of office has expired.	October 6, 1945

I cannot close this report without referring to all with whom my appointment as Acting Grand Secretary has brought me into personal contact. The duties which devolved upon me, were not at all times easy, but the courtesy and patience shown to me by you all, without exception, was unbounded—my thanks go out to every one of you.

Fraternally submitted,

Harry Woods

Acting Grand Secretary.

Presented by M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (130), who moved that the report be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, seconded by R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3) and carried.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through the Grand Treasurer, begs to submit for your consideration and approval the following Statements covering the Accounts in connection with the Grand Lodge finances, for the year ending March 31st, 1946:

General Fund:

Exhibit "A"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "B"—Statement of Income and Expenditures.
Exhibit "C"—Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
Schedule "1"—Accounts Receivable.
Schedule "2"—Details of Miscellaneous Expenditures.

Benevolent Endowment Fund and Beneficiary Fund:

Exhibit "D"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "E"—Statement of Income and Expenditures.
Exhibit "F"—Statement of Receipts and Disbursements.
Schedule "3"—Details of Cash Receipts.
Schedule "4"—Statement of Beneficiary Fund.
Schedule "5"—Statement of Mortgage Loans.

All of these accounts have been audited and certified to be correct, as per the Auditor's Certificate appended hereto.

Respectfully submitted,
ALEX. BURGESS,
Grand Treasurer

April 10th, 1946

To the Most Worshipful The Grand Master, Officers, and
Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

We desire to report that we have audited the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer of The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31st, 1946, and in connection submit the following Financial Statements.

General Fund:

Exhibit "A"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "B"—Statement of Income and Expenditure.
Exhibit "C"—Statement of Receipts and Disbursements.
Schedule "1"—Accounts Receivable.
Schedule "2"—Details of Miscellaneous Expenditure.

Benevolent Endowment Fund and Beneficiary Fund:

Exhibit "D"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "E"—Statement of Income and Expenditure.
Exhibit "F"—Statement of Receipts and Disbursements.
Schedule "3"—Details of Cash and Receipts.
Schedule "4"—Statement of Beneficiary Fund.
Schedule "5"—Statement of Mortgage Loans.

Cash in Bank:

The balances at Bank were confirmed by certificates obtained by us direct from the Bank.

Investments:

The securities representing the investments were inspected by us and found in order.

All Bonds and Debentures are fully registered in the name of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Yours truly,
ADAM ARMSTRONG & CO.
Chartered Accountants.

Exhibit "A"

BALANCE SHEET
GENERAL FUND

As at March 31st, 1946

ASSETS

Current:		
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce	$11,076.56	
Cash in Hand	14.85	
Cash in Hand (Petty)	17.50	
Accounts Receivable (Per Schedule "1")	294.05	
		$11,402.96
Inventories:		
Supplies and Stock Valued at		1.00
Equipment:		
Furniture and Fixtures Regalia Library and Fixtures Valued at		1.00
		$11,404.96

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable (Masonic Paper)	223.30
Surplus (Per Exhibit "B")	11,181.66
	$11,404.96

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31st, 1946, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31st, 1946.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ADAM ARMSTRONG & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man., April 10th, 1946.

Exhibit "B"

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1946

INCOME

Dues	$14,750.75
Initiations	1,418.00
M.M. Certificates	1,280.00
P.M. Certificates	69.00
L.M. Certificates	58.00
Dispensations	25.00
Supplies Sold	518.14
Total Income	$18,118.89

EXPENDITURE

Salaries	$5,695.60	
Rent	800.00	
Postage and Stamp Tax	310.23	
Stationery and Office Supplies	309.34	
Expense Grand Master	800.00	
P.M. Certificates	47.52	
M.M. Certificates	83.69	
Committee on Condition of Freemasonry	40.07	
Library Maintenance	1,647.89	
Masonic Research and Educational	1.00	
Insurance	203.12	
Jewel and Apron Case P.G.M.	60.00	
Unemployment Insurance	30·24	
Exchange	30.63	
Miscellaneous	3,871.75	
Total Expenditure		13,931.08
Net Income for Year		$ 4,187.81
Surplus as at March 31st, 1945	$7,267.29	
Add Lauder No. 99, A. J. McRorie	16.20	
Shellmouth No· 129 Written Off	10.36	
	$7,293.85	
Deduct:		
Grand Master's Expense 1944-5	300.00	
		6,993.85
Surplus at at March 31st, 1946		$11,181.66

Exhibit "C"

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1946

RECEIPTS			
Subordinate Lodges			$19,171.40
Cash Sales—Supplies, etc.			32.40
Masonic Paper			144.75
Exchange			3.85
Total Receipts			$19,352.40
Cash in Bank April 1st, 1945		$7,571.85	
Cash on Hand April 1st, 1945 (Petty)		8.48	
			7,580.33
			$26,932.73
DISBURSEMENTS			
Salaries		$ 5,695.60	
Rent		800.00	
Postage and Stamp Tax		310.23	
Stationery and Office Supplies		309.34	
Expense Grand Master 1945	$800.00		
Expense Grand Master 1944	300.00		
		1,100.00	
P.M. Certificates		47.52	
M.M. Certificates		83.69	
Masonic Paper		724·33	
Insurance		203.12	
Committee on Condition of Freemasonry		40.07	
Masonic Research and Education		1.00	
Library—Maintenance		1,647.89	
Jewel and Apron Case P.G.M.		60.00	
Supplies		589.56	
Unemployment Insurance		30.24	
Benevolent Fund (Life Members Fees)		275.00	
Exchange		34.48	
Miscellaneous (Per Schedule "2")		3,871.75	
Total Disbursements			$15,823.82
Cash in Bank March 31st, 1946		$11,076.56	
Cash in Hand March 31st, 1946		14.85	
Cash in Hand March 31st, 1946 (Petty)		17.50	
			11,108.91
			$26,932.73

Exhibit "D"

BALANCE SHEET BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND AND BENEFICIARY FUND

As at March 31st, 1946

ASSETS

	Par Value		
Current:			
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce		$ 11,636.77	
Interest Accrued		99.12	
			$ 11.735,89
Investments:			
Mortgage Loans		$ 1,706.31	
Province of Manitoba Debentures	$ 49,000.00		
Greater Winnipeg Water District Debentures	16,000.00		
Province of Saskatchewan Debentures	11,000.00		
Dominion of Canada Bonds	192,000.00		
Canadian National Railway Bonds	8,000.00		
		276,000.00	
War Saving Certificates		480.00	
Beneficiary Fund:			
Dominion of Canada Bonds		34,600.00	
			312,786.31
Property:			
Acquired Through Foreclosure:			
191 Ethelbert		4,614.13	
299 Waverley		8,788.68	
			13,402.81
Taxes Prepaid			664.74
			$ 338,589.75

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	$ 3.00
Surplus (Per Exhibit "E")	338,586.75
	$338,589.75

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31st, 1946, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31st, 1946.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ADAM ARMSTRONG & CO.
Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man., April 10th, 1946.

Exhibit "E"

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND AND BENEFICIARY FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1946

INCOME

Interest—Bonds and Debentures	$12,627.06		
Premium Bonds and Debentures	75.00		
		$ 12,702.06	
Less Accrued Interest April 1st, 1945		1,434.75	
			$ 11,267.31
Interest—Mortgages			221.72
Life Members Fees			275.00
Donations Lodges			2,686.11
			$14,450.14

EXPENDITURE

Beneficiary Fund (Per Schedule "4")		$ 5,423.00	
Tax Deducted U.S. Bond Interest		41.25	
Exchange		7.65	
			5,471.90
Net Income for Year			$ 8,978.24
Surplus as at March 31st, 1945		$329.184.16	
Add:			
Profit on Bonds Retired	$158.16		
Profit on Sale (Harvard)	727.44		
		885.60	
		$330,069.76	
Deduct:			
Bonds Brought to Par Value		461.25	
			329.608.51
Surplus as at March 31st, 1946			$338,586.75

Exhibit "F"

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND AND BENEFICIARY FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1946

RECEIPTS

Total Receipts (Per Schedule "3")		$32,722.44
Cash in Bank April 1st, 1945	$ 9,304.23	
Cash on Hand April 1st, 1945	40.00	
		9,344.23
		$42,066.67

DISBURSEMENTS

Dominion of Canada Bonds	$23,661.25	
Dominion of Canada Bonds Accrued Interest	99.12	
		$23,760.37
Beneficiary Fund		5,473.00
Real Estate, Taxes, Commissions etc.,		
191 Ethelbert Street		293.35
299 Waverley Street		120.11
275 Harvard Avenue		1.28
275 Harvard Avenue, Legal re Sale		42.00
Taxes Prepaid 1946		684.89
Exchange		7.65
Tax Deducted U.S. Bond Interest		41.25
Discharge of Mortgages		6.00
Total Disbursements		$30,429.90
Cash in Bank March 31st, 1946		11,636.77
		$42,066.67

Schedule "1"

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE GENERAL FUND

As at March 31st, 1946

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount Dr.	Cr.
14.	Prince of Wales	$ 95.00	
25.	Ionic	9.60	
40.	Deloraine		5.00
43.	Lebanon	4.00	
44.	Oak Lodge	2.00	
48.	Glenboro	9.25	
50.	Killarney	.70	
51.	Treherne	13.95	
71.	Crystal	13.00	
75.	Gothic	.85	
82.	Cypress	101.30	
87.	Rathwell		.90
90.	Midlothian	1.10	
92.	Shoal Lake	1.00	
94.	Hiram	2.00	
100.	Robbie Burns	.70	
101.	Binscarth	.95	
102.	Miniota	.10	
104.	Reston	2.00	
107.	Lansdowne		4.00
109.	Swan Lake	1.65	
113.	Tweed	10.80	
117.	Strathcona	6.00	
118.	Mound	15.50	
119.	Norwood	1.00	
121.	St. James	6.55	
122.	Roblin	.65	
126.	Minitonas	4.00	
130.	Fort Garry	2.00	
132.	Sprague	.10	
134.	Stony Mountain	2.20	
137.	Lord Selkirk	7.70	
139.	Beaver		9.65
141.	Tuscan		2.00
150.	Cartwright	2·70	
155.	Carman		2.75
		$318.35	$ 24.30
		24.30	
		$294.05	

Schedule "2"

DETAILS OF MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1946

Particulars	Amount
Proceedings	$ 743.04
Grand Lodge Communication	863.61
Audit	150.00
Telephone and Telegraph	119.10
Travelling	580.22
Flowers	70.50
Christmas Cards	50.22
Henderson Directory	21.60
Masonic Relief Association	56.52
Warning Circulars	43.20
List of Lodges	53.73
Safety Deposit Box	15.00
Typewriter Inspection	9.00
Substitute Stenographer	60.00
Stenographer Masonic Trial	48.00
Area Meeting	511.53
List of Officers and Committees	14.58
L.M. Cards	35.10
V. E. Day	309.16
Miscellaneous	117.64
	$3,871.75

Schedule "3"

DETAILS OF CASH RECEIPTS BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND AND BENEFICIARY FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1946

Mortgage Principal:		
Loan No. 2.	$ 1,400.00	
Loan No. 5.	109.60	
Loan No. 38.	100.00	
Loan No. 40.	385.05	
Loan No. 41.	423.36	
		$ 2,418.01
Mortgage Interest:		
Loan No. 1.	$ 82.50	
Loan No. 5.	3.98	
Loan No. 38.	64.50	
Loan No. 40.	14.10	
Loan No. 41.	56.64	
		221.72
Rents Received Property:		
191 Ethelbert Street	$ 540 00	
299 Waverley Street	900.00	
275 Harvard Avenue	600.00	
		2,040.00
275 Harvard Sale Price	$10,000.00	
Less Taxes and Insurance Adjustments	15.45	
		9,984.55
City of Winnipeg Debenture Retired	$ 2,177.83	
City of Winnipeg Debenture Retired Profit	158.16	
		2,335.99
Interest and Premiums Bonds and Debentures		$12,702.06
Donations Benevolent Fund		2,686.11
Donations Relief Fund		50.00
Life Members Fees		275.00
Discharge of Mortgages		9.00
Total Receipts		$32,722.44

Schedule "4"

STATEMENT OF BENEFICIARY FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1946

No.	Name of Lodge	On account of	Amount
1.	Prince Rupert	Miss C. S.	$ 125.00
2.	Lisgar	Mrs. F. J.	165.00
3.	Ancient Landmark	W. P.	68.00
3.	Ancient Landmark	Mrs. McC.	185.00
3.	Ancient Landmark	F. M. M.	25.00
4.	St. John's	Mrs. F. J. B.	125.00
8.	King Solomon	J. H. S.	65.00
10.	Northern Light	Mrs. E. E. B.	60.00
10.	Northern Light	Mrs. E. M. Q.	65.00
11.	Gladstone	Mrs. M. E.	140.00
12.	Stonewall	Mrs. M. McF.	245.00
12.	Stonewall	Mrs. G. W.	125.00
12.	Stonewall	Mrs. F. S.	185.00
24.	Neepawa	Mrs. T.	235.00
25.	Ionic	Mrs. E. E. D.	180.00
40.	Deloraine	Mrs. G. R. A.	185.00
43.	Lebanon	Mrs. Y.	50.00
50.	Killarney	W. E. H.	405.00
55.	East Star	T. A. A.	305.00
62.	Russell	A. M.	305.00
68.	Vermillion	Mrs. W. H. L.	125.00
68.	Vermillion	B. J. S.	40.00
74.	Elkhorn	Mrs. N. Y.	105.00
84.	Hamiota	Mrs. I. R.	125.00
90.	Midlothian	Mrs. M. C.	115.00
93.	King Edward	Mrs. M. J.	240.00
100.	Robbie Burns	W. E. J. B.	125.00
104.	Reston	C. B. B.	185.00
107.	Lansdowne	J. McD.	10.00
112.	Ophir	Mrs. B. R .T.	305.00
119.	Norwood	Mrs. V. H.	125.00
119.	Norwood	Mrs. F. A. McD.	125.00
131.	Kildonan	T. H. B.	305.00
137.	Lord Selkirk	Mrs. G. M.	125.00
143.	Mt. Sinai	Mrs. F. Z.	125.00
			$5,423.00

Schedule "5"

STATEMENT OF MORTGAGE LOANS
BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND

As at March 31st, 1946

	Principal
Loan No. 38.	**$1,000.00**
Loan No. 41.	**706.31**
	$1,706.31

Presented by R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3), who moved the report be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. H. A. Innes (3) and carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION RE MASONIC DISTRICTS

Moved by M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (130), seconded by R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3) and carried.

That the eleven Masonic Districts, as at present constituted, remain so for the ensuing year: and that Lodge No. 124 at The Pas, and Lodge No. 153 at Flin Flon remain under the supervision of the M.W. Grand Master.

Announcements were made re the reception of Distinguished guests: re reception of Grand Representatives; re the evening program, which will be concluded at 10.30 p.m. approximately, to be followed by the meetings of the First and Twelfth Masonic Districts.

ADJOURNMENT

The M.W. the Grand Master called Grand Lodge from Labor to refreshment at 5.00 p.m. to reconvene at 8.00 p.m. for the evening Session.

Evening Session

Wednesday, June 5th, 1946.

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers Elected and Appointed and the Past Grand Masters entered the Lodge Room in procession, the brethren singing the Processional Hymn, "Lead on O King Eternal."

The Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor by the Grand Master, M.W. Dr. P. T. Pilkey, at 8.00 o'clock p.m., the Grand Chaplain R.W. Bro. H. B. Wallace invoking the Divine Blessing on the program of the evening.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies was then directed to retire and escort our Distinguished visitors, together with their sponsors.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The following Distinguished Guests were presented at the Altar:

Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario):
M.W. Bro. Frank A. Copus, P.G.M.
Presented by M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of Minnesota:
M.W. Bro. Vernon Gates, Grand Master.
M.W. Bro. Frank Matson, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. Louis H. Colson, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. C. C. Colton, P.G.M.
W. Bro. W. B. Congdon.
Presented by M.W. Bro. J. T. Boyd, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of North Dakota:

M.W. Bro. Rilie R. Morgan, Grand Master.
M.W. Bro. Harry Gill, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. Mark I. Forkner, P.G.M.
R.W. Bro. John A. Stormon, D.G.M.
Presented by M.W. Bro. Wm. D. Lawrence, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan:

M.W. Bro. Fred C. Hayes, Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. R. A. Tate, Grand Secretary.
Presented by M.W. Bro. A. L. Crossin, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of Idaho:

W. Bro. Neil R. Fitch, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, near the Grand Lodge of Idaho, and personal representative of the Grand Lodge of Idaho.
Presented by M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of South Dakota:

M.W. Bro. T. N. Engdahl, P.G.M.
Presented by M.W. Royal Burritt, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of Alberta:

M.W. Bro. Canon G. H. Crane-Williams, Grand Master.
Presented by M.W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey, Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge extended Grand Honors to our distinguished guests under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies; the Grand Master then, in a few well chosen remarks extended a very cordial invitation to each of the distinguished guests and requested the Most Worshipful Brethren who introduced them, to conduct them to seats in the Grand East.

FLAG CEREMONY

Under the direction of V.W. Bro. Syd. Foreman (4).

R.W. Bro. Capt. David MacKay (140) of the Cameron Highlanders bearing the Union Jack.

W. Bro. Capt. Alf. Woolston (140), of the Cameron Highlanders, bearing the Stars and Stripes.

The brethren sang one verse each of

"God Save the King"
and
"The Star Spangled Banner."

Prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain, and the Flags were placed in the Grand East.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS NEAR THIS GRAND LODGE

The Grand Director of Ceremonies again retired and escorted the Grand Representatives to the Altar. As each one entered the Grand Lodge they were announced by the Grand Pursuivant and each in turn was acknowledged under the sign of Fidelity. The following were introduced:

Alberta	R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr
Arizona	V.W. Bro. O. L. Best
British Columbia	R.W. Bro. J. C. Grant
Canada (in Ontario)	M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence
Chili	M.W. Bro. N. J Black
Connecticut	R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan
Cuba	W. Bro. J. Morgan Davies
Delaware	W. Bro. H. A. Adair
Denmark	M.W. Bro. Stanley H. Fahrni
District of Columbia	R.W. Bro. A. H. Steventon
Ecuador	V.W. Bro. S. W. Robertson
Egypt	R.W. Bro. E. T. Hardman
England	M.W. Bro. W. J. Major
Florida	R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green
France, N.G.L.	R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter

Guatemala	R.W. Bro. E. J. Smillie
Honduras	R.W. Bro. A. G. Cowan
Indiana	W. Bro. R. E. Emmett
Ireland	M.W. Bro. J. T. Boyd
Kentucky	R.W. Bro. Wm. McLellan
Louisiana	R.W. Bro. C. E. Cole
Maine	R.W. Bro. W. D. Harper
Maryland	W. Bro. D. Ferguson
Massachusetts	R.W. Bro. Hugn A. Innes
Mexico, Y.G.L.	R.W. Bro. M. A. Nitikman
Michigan	R.W. Bro. O. S. Ross
Minnesota	M.W. Bro. B. C. Parker
Montana	R.W. Bro. M. S. Watson
Netherlands	M.W. Bro. A. L. Crossin
New Brunswick	M.W. Bro. G. R. Calvert
New Hampshire	M.W. Bro. George Hunter
New York	R.W. Bro. G. A. Woodside
New Zealand	M.W. Bro. S. Burland
Norway	R.W. Bro. J. P. MacKinnon
Nova Scotia	M.W. Bro. D. S. Woods
Oklahoma	V.W. Bro. H. M. Smith
Ohio	W. Bro. A. E. Boyle
Oregon	M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson
Panama	W. Bro. R. E. Evans
Quebec	R.W. Bro. H. T. Waters
Queensland	R.W. Bro. J. D. Harrower
Rio de Janeiro	R.W. Bro. H. T. Trethewey
Saskatchewan	R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess
Scotland	M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas
South Carolina	R.W. Bro. C. R. Sayer
South Dakota	R.W. Bro. J. Wardrope
Tasmania	V.W. Bro. T. L. Dodsworth
Utah	R.W. Bro. D. MacDonald
Victoria	W. Bro. R. M. Snider
Virginia	M.W. Bro. Harry Woods
Washington	R.W. Bro. G. R. Mackay
Western Australia	W. Bro. A. J. Wright
West Virginia	R.W. Bro. D. Griffith
Wisconsin	W. Bro. N. M. Hall

M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4) extended greetings from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and on behalf of all the Grand Representatives, after which they were accorded Grand Honors.

The M.W. the Grand Master addressed the Grand Representatives extending felicitations, and expressed the kindly fraternal greetings of this Grand Lodge, through them to the Grand Lodges they had the honor of representing near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

The M.W. Grand Master also expressed the hope that each one would communicate with his respective Grand lodge, extending our friendly greetings and good wishes.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

My Dear Brethren:

It is with full acknowledgement of the goodness of a kind Providence, that we welcome you all to the Seventy-first Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge. At our last communication, you were good enough to elect me to the highest office in your gift. May I now express to you all, my deep sense of gratitude for the privilege and responsibility of serving this Grand Lodge as your Grand Master for the past twelve months. The year has passed all too quickly and it is quite proper that I should give to you a review of my activities during my tenure of this high office.

It has been a year crowded with activities and responsibilities, and we have put forth our best effort to accept all the invitations. Early in the fall, it became evident that our beloved Grand Secretary, R.W. Brother John Hamilton Gordon Russell, was failing in health. He accompanied the Grand Master to the Banff Conference, and to the district meetings at Reston, Cypress River and Neepawa. The latter was his last visit. One month later, October 25th, 1945, "Uncle John" laid down his pen for the last time. He was removed to the General Hospital, whence he passed to the Grand Lodge above on February 7th last. His life was full of years and of good works. An obituary notice was prepared and sent out to all our constituent lodges. In the days of his full vigor, "Uncle John" served his day and generation with exemplary efficiency and devotion and no one will deny to him his well earned rest.

Servant of God well done!
Rest from thy loved employ!
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy.

The pains of death are past,
Labor and sorrow cease,
And life's long warfare closed at last,
Thy soul is found in peace.

On the same day that our late Grand Secretary left the office, Miss Margaret Anderson was advised by her physician to take a necessary rest. Fortunately she has resumed her work, much improved in health, and with the assistance of Mrs. Ruth Horne as stenographer, has been able to bring the work of the office up to date.

The brethren will appreciate, I am sure, the exceedingly difficult situation in which the Grand Master found himself. The whole work of the office had to be reorganized, and we were fortunate in finding willing hands to come to the rescue. Most Worshipful Brother Harry Woods, was appointed Acting Grand Secretary, and he has done a grand job. This Grand Lodge will, I am sure, approve my expression of appreciation for the splendid manner in which he has carried out his duties. Then, W. Brother Adam Armstrong, very kindly offered to write up the books as far as finances were concerned, and our Grand Treasurer, R.W. Brother Alex. Burgess, in association with R.W. Brother Harry Coddington, agreed to look after the banking. This has proved to be an excellent temporary arrangement, and the affairs of Grand Lodge, have been well looked after.

My personal thanks to the brethren who, so willingly rallied about me in a time of distress.

NECROLOGY

During the year covered by this report, the following brethren have joined the Grand Lodge above:

Sister Grand Jurisdictions:

September 6, 1945 — W. Brother R. W. Macdonald, Grand Rep. of Manitoba, near Grand Lodge of Utah.

September 16, 1945—Brother Earl A. Turner. Grand Rep. of Manitoba, near Grand Lodge of New Mexico.

December 20, 1945—Hanson Landrum Peterson, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

December 29, 1945—George Dewar MacDougall. P.G.M., and Grand Historian, of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

January 23, 1946—James C. Dutton. P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Delaware.

February 4, 1946—Tom Gilmore Strickler Sr. P.G.M., Grand Lodge of West Virginia.

February 20, 1946—Harry Seaman Kissell. P.G.M., and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

February 24, 1946—William B. S. Park. P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Nevada.

March 3, 1946—William Henry Bland, G.M., Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

March 3, 1946—Herbert Lee Toney. P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Oregon.

April 16, 1946—Ralph B. Chapman, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Florida.

April 20, 1946—James McCauley. P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

May 12, 1946—Samuel C. Brown. P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

Our Grand Jurisdiction:

January 7, 1945—John Coulter, D.D.G.M., 1903.

February 16, 1945—Frank Manning, D.D.G.M., 1929.

April 16, 1945—William S. Williams. Junior Grand Deacon, 1937.

August 8, 1945—Charles E. Somerset. Grand Chaplain, 1920-21-22.

August 20, 1945—John T. Shanks. D.D.G.M., 1942.

October 20, 1945—Herbert J. J. Smith. Grand Steward, 1915.

November 29, 1945—George Morrison. D.D.G.M., 1938.

January 17, 1946—Alexander Kippen Cates., G.D.C., 1923, D.D.G.M., 1937.

February 7, 1946—John Hamilton Gordon Russell. G.D.C., 1918, D.D.G.M., 1927, Grand Secretary, 1935-1946.

And 176 other brethren whose names are enshrined in our memories.

"Beautiful life is that whose span
Is spent in duty to God and man,
Beautiful calm when the course is run
Beautiful twilight at set of sun,
Beautiful death with a life well done."

OFFICIAL VISITS

Sister Grand Jurisdictions:

June 12-15, 1945—The Grand Lodge of Alberta. Our daughter Grand Lodge. Board of General Purposes. The Grand Lodge of Alberta, at which your Grand Master was honored by being made a Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

June 18, 1945—Cascade Lodge No. 12, Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

June 19-20, 1945—Represented at Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan at Saskatoon, by R.W. Brother M. S. Donovan, Deputy Grand Master.

June 21-22, 1945—The Sessions of the Grand Lodge of British Colmubia.

January 14-19, 1946—The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota. Addressed Veterans' Association of that Grand Lodge on Wednesday, January 16th.

Within our Own Jurisdiction:

(a) District Meetings.

July 25, 1945—Sixth Masonic District at Reston.

July 27, 1945—Third Masonic District at Cypress River.

September 26, 1945—Second Masonic District at Neepawa.

October 1, 1945—Seventh Masonic District at Alexander.

October 2, 1945—Fifth Masonic District at Rivers.

October 11, 1945—Fourth Masonic District at Morden.

October 12, 1945—Eighth Masonic District at Morris.

October 19, 1945—Ninth Masonic District at Swan River.

October 26, 1945—Tenth Masonic District at East Kildonan.

October 29, 1945—First Masonic District at Winnipeg.

January 29, 1946—Twelfth Masonic District at Winnipeg.

(b) Regional Meetings.

April 29, 1946—At Brandon.

May 2, 1946—At Dauphin.

May 15, 1946—At Morden

(c) Lodge Visits.

July 4, 1945—Crescent Lodge No. 103, with St. John's Lodge No. 4, and Fort Osborne Lodge No. 144.

July 17, 1945—Carman Lodge No. 155, with Beaver Lodge No. 139.

August 20, 1945—Manitouwapa Lodge No. 156, at Moosehorn.

September 17, 1945—Windsor Lodge No. 138, at which the happy ceremony of "Burning the Mortgage" was celebrated.

October 16, 1945—Flin Flon Lodge No. 153.

October 18, 1945—The Pas Lodge No. 124.

November 13, 1945—Brandon Lodge No. 19.

December 3, 1945—Ionic Lodge No. 25, installed the Master and Officers.

December 17, 1945—Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, Installation of officers.

January 7, 1946—Ionic Lodge No. 25, installed the Junior Warden.

January 8, 1946—"The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114 Study Club. "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114 Regular Meeting. King Edward Preceptory.

January 10, 1946—Beaver Lodge No. 139, "Robbie Burns" Night.

February 8, 1946—Tuscan Lodge No. 141.

March 5, 1946—"The Assiniboine" Lodge No 114.

March 11, 1946—Empire Lodge No. 127.

March 14, 1946—Norwood Lodge No. 119.

March 20, 1946—King Edward Lodge No. 93, Irish Night.

March 21, 1946—Meridian Lodge No. 140, Irish Night

March 23, 1946—The Dormer Lodge No. 151.

April 3, 1946—St. John's Lodge No. 4.

April 22, 1946—Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.

May 7, 1946—Assiniboine Lodge No. 7, Portage la Prairie.

May 9, 1946—Beaver Lodge No. 139. Presented Commission to V.W. Brother S. W. Robertson.

May 11, 1946—Seven Oaks Lodge No. 148. Twenty-first Anniversary.

May 13, 1946—Gladstone Lodge No. 11.

May 14, 1946—King Solomon Lodge No. 8.

May 16, 1946—Northern Light Lodge No. 10.

May 17, 1946—Fidelity Lodge No. 146.

May 20, 1946—Manitouwapa Lodge No. 156, Moosehorn. Commission to W. Brother David Ferguson.

May 23, 1946—Mt. Sinai Lodge No. 143.

APPOINTMENTS OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

(a) Of our Grand Lodge Near Other Grand Lodges:

Guatemala—R.W. Brother Irving Stahl, October 31, 1945. Vice R.W. Brother C. A. Giesler—Deceased.

New Mexico—R.W. Brother John G. Beaton, December 4, 1945. Vice Brother Earl A. Turner—Deceased.

Saskatchewan—M.W. Brother Fred C. Hayes July 23, 1945. Vice R.W. Brother W. O. Fraser—Resigned.

Utah—W. Brother John W. Buck October 4, 1945. Vice W. Brother R. W. Macdonald—Deceased.

(b) Of Sister Grand Lodges Near Our Grand Lodge:

I have been pleased to nominate the following brethren, whom the Grand Master of these respective Grand Lodges has been pleased to appoint.

British Columbia—R.W. Brother J. C. Grant, October 1, 1945. Vice R.W. Brother C. E. Somerset—Deceased.

Delaware—R.W. Brother H. A. Adair, January 23, 1946. Vice R.W. Brother John Coulter—Deceased.

Ecuador—V.W. Brother S. W. Robertson, April 26, 1946. Vice R.W. Brother C. Wiechman—Whose term of office has expired.

Guatemala—R.W. Brother E. J. Smillie, April 20, 1946. Vice R.W. Brother A. K. Cates—Deceased.

Kentucky—R.W. Brother W. McLellan, October 10, 1945. Vice R.W. Brother Jas. L. Lawson—Whose term of office has expired.

Maryland—W. Brother David Ferguson, November 5, 1945. Vice R.W. Brother Norman McDougall—Deceased.

Panama—W. Brother R. Ernest Evans, March 22, 1946. Vice W. Brother I. B. Griffiths—Whose term of office has expired.

Queensland—R.W. Brother J. D. Harrower, January 24. 1946. Vice R.W. Brother Eli E. Spencer—Whose term of office has expired.

Rhode Island—R.W. Brother J. R. C. Evans, October 18, 1945. Vice R.W. Brother J. R. Stalker—Whose term of office has expired.

Rio de Janeiro—R.W. Brother H. T. Trethewey, December 13, 1945. Vice R.W. Brother Wm. Cairns—Resigned.

Tasmania—V.W. Brother Thos. L. Dodsworth, July 21. 1945. Vice R.W. Brother John Parton—Whose term of office has expired.

(c) The following nominations have been made, and await appointment:

Colombia—W. Brother Charles H. Wells The Dormer Lodge No. 151.

Paraiba--V.W. Brother Alexander Campbell "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

July 1, 1945—Manitou Lodge No. 30, for Divine Service.

July 8, 1945—Patricia Lodge No. 125, Sperling, to dedicate a Communion Table.

September 5-10, 1945—Banff Conference.

September 10, 1945—Ionic Lodge No. 25, Reception by "Grand Master's Lodge."

September 21, 1945—Conference of District Deputy Grand Masters at Winnipeg.

September 22, 1945—Beaver Lodge No. 139, on the occasion of a visit from Euclid Lodge of Duluth, Minn.

September 28, 1945—Past Masters' Forum.

October 24, 1945—Pembina Lodge, Grand Lodge of North Dakota, in company with the Sitting Masters of the 12th Masonic District and others.

October 28, 1945—Past Masters' Association, Divine Service at St. Paul's Church.

November 2, 1945—Fort Osborne Lodge No. 144, Ladies' Night.

November 5, 1945—Crescent Lodge No. 11, Grafton, North Dakota, in honor of M.W. Brother Rilie R. Morgan.

November 6, 1945—"Canadian Night" at "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114.

November 12, 1945—Ionic Lodge No. 25, Memorial Service—"Memorial Address."

November 16, 1945—Ionic Lodge No. 25, Ladies' Night.

November 22, 1945—Progress Lodge at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, to confer Master Mason Degree. M.W. Brother F. C. Hayes, Grand Master of Saskatchewan, and R. W. Brother Robert Tate, Grand Secretary, were present.

November 29, 1945—Fidelity Lodge No. 146 and Meridian Lodge No. 140, McMillan Temple—Burning the mortgage.

December 12, 1945—Fort Garry Lodge No. 130, Banquet.

December 12, 1945—Bethany Preceptory — Christmas address.

December 28, 1945—Past Masters Association—Annual Meeting.

January 29. 1946—Addressed the DeMoley Alumni.

February 4, 1945—Committee on Constitution and Revision. Ionic Lodge No. 25—Refreshment hour.

February 12, 1946—Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons—Dinner.

February 13, 1946—Received by the Grand Chapter—R.A.M. Banquet in the evening.

March 6, 1946—Address to De Moley Alumni.

April 1, 1946—Ionic Lodge No. 25—Son and Son-in-law of the Grand Master received into Freemasonry. Presented two Fifty-Year Jewels, Robert A. Pyne, Dr. A. W. Moody.

April 10, 1946—King Edward Lodge No. 93—Ladies' Night.

April 26, 1946—12th Masonic District—Ladies' Night.

April 28, 1946—12th Masonic District Divine Service at St. Paul's Church.

May 12, 1946—Ionic Lodge No. 25, Divine Service, St. Paul's Church. Royal.

May 26, 1946—Royal Arch Masons, First District. St. Paul's Church.

May 31, 1946—Sitting Masters of Winnipeg Lodges.

ANNIVERSARIES

September 4, 1945 — Fort Osborne Lodge No. 144—Twenty-First Anniversary.

October 9, 1945—Russell Lodge No. 62—Fiftieth Anniversary.

November 21, 1945—Kildonan Lodge No. 131—Twenty-Fifth Anniversary.

December 10, 1945—Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1, Seventy-Fifth Anniversary.

April 30, 1946—Composite Lodge No. 64—Fiftieth Anniversary.

May 8, 1946—Doric Lodge No. 36—Sixtieth Anniversary.

May 10, 1946—Fort Garry Lodge No. 130—Twenty-Fifth Anniversary. Dinner and Lodge Meeting.

May 11, 1946—Seven Oaks Lodge No. 148—Twenty-First Anniversary.

May 21, 1946—Lisgar Lodge No. 2—Seventy-Fifth Anniversary.

FIFTY YEAR JEWELS

Brother John Fraser, King Solomon Lodge No. 8, initiated August 3, 1895, presented October 12, 1945.

Brother Francis Simmons Bell, Emerson Lodge No. 6, initiated March 5, 1895, presented September 20, 1945.

Brother Arthur W. Moody, Ionic Lodge No. 25, initiated March 6, 1896, presented April 1, 1946.

W. Brother Robert A. Pyne, Ionic Lodge No. 25, initiated April 3, 1896, presented April 1, 1946.

W. Brother Mitchell Cobban, Ionic Lodge No. 25, initiated January 21, 1896, presented April 1, 1946.

R.W. Brother David Augustus Yeomans, Composite Lodge No. 64, initiated March 26, 1896, presented April 30, 1946.

W. Brother Lewis G. McLeod, Composite Lodge No. 64, initiated December 11, 1895, presented April 30, 1946.

Brother Alexander J. McLeod, Composite Lodge No. 64, initiated August 5, 1889, presented April 30, 1946.

V.W. Brother Arthur W. Chapman, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, initiated June 9, 1890, presented June 5, 1946.

Brother William M. Gordon, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, initiated April 13, 1891, presented June 5, 1946.

Brother Joseph Thompson, Doric Lodge No. 36, initiated February 18, 1891, presented June 5, 1946.

W. Brother Robert Semper Cowie, Assiniboine Lodge No. 7, initiated September 18, 1895, presented June 19, 1946.

BENEVOLENT FUND

Prior to the Christmas season, I sent out a letter to all constituent lodges pointing out to them, that in the distribution of lodge funds, the benevolent fund of our own Grand Lodge should not be overlooked. The response was very gratifying. Although many lodges made no contribution, a total of $3,247.08 was received from 59 lodges and 7 individual brethren. The full details of this response, will be found in the report of the Benevolent Committee.

DISPENSATIONS

The list of dispensations granted by the authority of the Grand Master, (81 in all) during the year, will be found in the report of the Acting Grand Secretary.

BREACHES OF THE CONSTITUTION AND RULINGS

1. The attention of lodge secretaries is called to Section 117 of the Constitution, which provides that lodge notices are to be sent out to all members in a sealed envelope. There are a few lodges that are not observing this provision.

2. Section No. 157 is another section that has been frequently disregarded. When there is a ballot to be taken on any petitioner, the summons for the regular meeting must state the name in full, age and occupation, business and residence address of each petitioner, together with the names of the members who recommend him or them.

3. Some lodges include in the list of Standing Committees, a committee on "Investigation." Section No. 144 provides

for a ''Special Committee of Inquiry'' which is to be appointed by the Master, and such appointments are not to be communicated to the lodge.

4. Many requests have been received to change the date of the Regular Meeting of the lodge, on account of the Regular Meeting falling on a holiday and for various other reasons. In each case, I have pointed out that the By-Laws of the lodge cannot be suspended by the lodge or by the Grand Master, for any purpose whatsoever. Constituent lodges who meet this problem, should take the proper steps to amend their present By-Laws by inserting a qualifying clause such as, ''The regular meeting of the lodge shall be held on———, except when the date of the Regular Meeting falls on a holiday, or when it coincides with the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, etc., when the Regular Meeting shall be held one week later or———.'' Emergent Meetings for conferring degrees may be held at any time so long as proper notice of such meeting is given. The summons for the Regular Meeting must be called in the proper way and in accordance with the By-Laws of the lodge. Should there be present, insufficient members of the lodge to make a quorum, no business can be transacted and the secretary should make a suitable minute to that effect.

5. Demitted members, whether the demit is from the lodge they wish to join, or from another lodge, cannot be ''Reinstated,'' but must join the lodge of their choice by ''Affiliation'' and in the way provided in Sections No. 166 and No. 167 and recent amendment thereto. Two lodges in this jurisdiction have violated these provisions. In each case the attention of the lodge was directed to their unconstitutional procedure, and by unanimous resolution, of the lodge, your Grand Master was requested to treat the matter as an "Irregularity in Procedure" and "Heal" the same, and this we were glad to do.

SOME SUGGESTIONS AND OBSERVATIONS

1. Some of the ''Forms'' used in reporting various information to the Grand Secretary's Office, in my judgment,

need careful revision. Your Grand Master would respectfully suggest, that this matter be referred to the incoming Board of General Purposes for review and improvement.

2. During the year it has been of great interest, to read the various lodge notices. Not all the secretaries have forwarded all of their notices. Many lodges issue a very attractive and newsy summons. It would be a grand thing for Freemasonry, if that could be said of all our Lodges. Some notices are as much as two years out of date. Are we not missing a great opportunity to impart Masonic Knowledge, by using to better advantage, space in our lodge summonses? Is it necessary to publish every month, long lists of Past Masters? It would be a good thing once a year, but why every month, when that space might be used for material of an educational and informative nature. It will mean extra work for someone, but Freemasons are workmen, and such an effort would certainly bear fruit. What do you think of it?

3. For some time, there has been talk about the composition of the Board of General Purposes. The members from Greater Winnipeg think there should be more from the rural areas. In many cases the rural membership on the Board find it a hardship to attend the meeting of the Board. Members of the Board have a grand opportunity to get familiar with the business of the Grand Lodge and when elected, should be present if at all possible. Has the time come when the Board of General Purposes should reimburse its constitutional members with out-of-pocket expenses for attendance at the regular meeting of the Board? These men are elected by this Grand Lodge to take care of its affairs between the Annual Communications. They are asked to give their time to your business, and why should this Grand Lodge let them pay for the privilege?

APPRECIATION

It would be an unforgivable oversight on my part, to close this address without placing on record my deep appreciation of all those who have been associated with me in the discharge of the duties and responsibilities of the high office of Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction. To the elected and appointed officers who have been associated with me, and to the chairmen of the several committees of the Board of General Purposes for co-operation and counsel, I record my sincere gratitude. To those who accompanied me on my many official visits, I owe a debt I can never hope to repay. Their many encouraging words, helpful companionship, and willingness to assist at all times in countless ways, have been a tower of strength in my weakness, light in my darkness, and cheer in the solution of many problems. No Grand Master has ever had more loyalty, devotion and consideration shown him than I. My brethren, these are not idle words. They are spoken from a full heart, a rich experience and an abiding sense of gratitude.

That is not all. This Grand Lodge has been most fortunate in having in its membership Most Worshipful Brother Harry Woods. In this difficult year, he has been ''The Man of the Hour.'' At a time when the whole of the responsibilities of Grand Lodge seemed to be laid on the shoulders of your Grand Master, it was to this veteran of many years, I turned, and not in vain. He has rendered yeoman service and co-operated in a wonderful way. Words are poor vehicles to express adequately the thanks of this Grand Lodge, and my own, for the efficient services rendered by this splendid Freemason.

We extend our congratulations to Miss Margaret Anderson, our diligent and painstaking office assistant, on the recovery of her health. We are fortunate in having in the Grand Secretary's Office, one so capable and so well informed in the details of the office routine. To Miss Anderson, and to her assistant, Mrs. Ruth Horne, we record our appreciation.

To lodge secretaries and masters, for their co-operation and patience and to all my brethren who have been so charitable and understanding, my best thanks must also be accorded.

CONCLUSION

My brethren, the year of my activities of the high office with which you entrusted me at the last Communication of this Grand Lodge is almost completed. The year has been full for me. Herewith, I present to you for consideration, the account of my stewardship. It has been a privilege and a joy to serve you in my humble and imperfect way. I bespeak for my successor, during his occupancy of the office of Grand Master, the same co-operation and courtesy that you have been good enough to accord to me.

Let us to our task by brethren! We are in the biggest and most important business in the whole world—the building of good men. With unremitting fidelity and consecration, let us build, and may the Great Architect of the Universe pour out upon you all, the riches of His blessing.

THE MASTER BUILDER

The windows of the place wherein I dwell,
I will make beautiful. No garish light
Shall enter crudely; but with colors bright
And warm and throbbing I will weave a spell,
In rainbow harmony the theme to tell
Of sage and simple saint and noble Knight,
Beggar and king who fought the gallant fight.

These will transfigure even my poor cell,
But when the shadows of the night begin,
And sifted sunlight falls no more on me,
May I have learned to light my lamp within;
So that the passing world may see
Still the same radiance, though with paler hue,
Of the sweet lives that help men to live true.

The M.W. Grand Master, was thanked most sincerely for his very inspiring address by the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (113), and it was moved by M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson (102), seconded by M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker (4) that the Address be referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address. Carried.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The following Amendments to the Constitution were taken up at this point:

NOTICE OF MOTION

Section 161:

That Section 161 be amended by striking out the words

"Black Balls or" in the third line thereof and the words "Black Ball or" in the fourth line thereof:

Section 161 would then read as follows:

> "A Lodge may, by By-law, elect to use a printed or written ballot. A ballot is unfavorable if it contains two or more black cubes or adverse votes. If the By-laws of a Lodge require a unanimous vote, one black cube or adverse vote shall be sufficient to make a ballot unfavorable."

Moved by W. Bro. M. Cobban (25), seconded by R.W. Bro. H. T. Waters (25) that the motion be adopted. Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Section 136:

That Section 136 be amended by striking out the first paragraph thereof, and substituting therefor the following:

> "The territorial jurisdiction of Lodges in Greater Winnipeg as defined by Section 2, sub-section "n" of the Constitution shall be concurrent and exclusive within that area.
>
> That it be further amended by striking out the words "the City of" in the first line of the second paragraph thereof, and substituting therefor the words, "of Greater."

Section 136 would then read as follows:

> "The territorial Jurisdiction of Lodges in Greater Winnipeg as defined by Section 2, sub-section "n" of the Constitution shall be concurrent and exclusive within that area.
>
> "The territorial jurisdiction of a Lodge outside of Greater Winnipeg, shall extend to lines drawn half-way between its meeting place and those of the nearest Lodges in all directions.
>
> "In Cities and towns where there are two or more Lodges, their Jurisdiction shall be concurrent."

After a good deal of discussion a vote was taken on the above amendment and it was declared lost.

At this point in the proceedings, the M.W. Grand Master called upon R.W. Bro. E .J. Smillie (86), and presented him with his Commission as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Guatemala, near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. R.W. Bro. Smillie thanked the M.W. Grand Master for this honor and assured him of his attention to the duties of a Grand Representative.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

The M.W. The Grand Master drew the attention of the members of the First and Twelfth Masonic Districts to the fact that their meetings would be held immediately after the adjournment of Grand Lodge in the Ballroom and Concert Room respectively.

He also drew the attention of the members of the other Masonic Districts to the fact that their District Meetings would be held the next morning, Thursday, June 6th, at 9.00 a.m. as designated on the Grand Lodge Program.

ADJOURNMENT

The Most Worshipful Grand Master called Grand Lodge from Labor to Refreshment at 10.30 p.m. until 10.30 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, June 6th, 1946.

Second Day

Thursday, June 6th, 1946.

Morning Session

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor at 10.30 a.m. by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE AND APPEALS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through its Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals begs to report as follows:

Several proposed amendments to the Constitution of Grand Lodge were received for consideration by your Committee. Your Committee finds that the Amendments have been properly introduced in accordance with the Constitution of Grand Lodge and are in order for presentation to Grand Lodge and are within the powers of Grand Lodge under its Act of Incorporation and Amending Act and its Constitution.

Your Committee has not been called upon to perform any other work during the current year.

Fraternally submitted,
S. HART GREEN,
Chairman.

Presented by M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni (11), who moved that the report be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3). Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF FREEMASONRY

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry begs to submit the following report.

Your Committee is pleased to report that generally speaking the condition of Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction is good, the growth in membership has been exceptional and this new membership has laid a greater responsibility on the shoulders of each and every brother, to see to it that the new brother of the Craft obtains proper guidance and knowledge that will enable him to understand the Institution, and find his place in it, and the joy of working together with his brethren.

This is a duty that the sponsors could take on with good results—not only should they submit petitions, but should carry it through and be the guide and big brother of the new member and make sure he finds a warm welcome in his lodge.

Many of these new members had their interest in Freemasonry awakened, by observing the practical application of brotherhood among the Masonic Brethren, while in the forces, and with a fine opinion preconceived of the Institution are now entering our Lodges seeking that good fellowship and brotherly interest that caught their attention, and we must not disappoint them.

Your Committee feels that a proper and satisfactory solution or this problem will do much to make the Masonic life of the new member happier and create the desire to be more useful to his fellow man: and we must not forget that it is the new members of today who will carry the torch of Freemasonry tomorrow.

At the close of the last Grand Lodge Communication a meeting of the newly elected District Deputy Grand Masters was held, at which the ground work was laid for their year as the representatives of the Grand Master, an office of vital importance in maintaining efficiency in the lodges throughout the Jurisdiction. After a few months in that office, a conference of all the District Deputy Grand Masters was called at Winnipeg, September 1st, 1945, in a further effort to help and guide them in their important work.

The idea of having the District Deputies gather together in mid-season has borne good results—each District Deputy has given earnest study and effort to his work, as shown by the general high standard of District Meetings held this year. At some of these meetings the lodge secretaries had reports that were full of interest and caused considerable discussion, which we trust will arouse those secretaries whose reports were not all they should have been. From our observation during the past year, the reports of the secretaries contributed a great deal to the success of the meeting, and we would like to draw this fact to the attention of the new District Deputies who will be elected at this Communication of Grand Lodge.

It should also be pointed out that these District Meetings are for all the brethren of the District, and we would like to see a greater effort made to have the Master Masons attend in greater numbers—it is from this large body of brethren our officers are selected, and if they can familiarize themselves with the wider sphere of Masonic work the more efficient officer they will make. And now, may we turn to a summary of the District Deputy Grand Masters' reports covering the various Districts:

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

A careful review of the District Deputy's reports on the several lodges in this district shows that on the whole, the district is in a healthy state. The District Deputy seems to have been very diligent in the discharge of his duties as defined by the Constitution. He visited all the lodges once and in some instances twice and more. He was accompanied on each visit by several distinguished brethren including Masters of the various lodges. I have no doubt that his visits were productive of much good and an added interest in Freemasonry may be looked forward to.

One pleasing feature of his visits as shown in the various reports was the attendance and work of the Junior Officers. Very few were absent and the causes were explained by sickness and being absent from the City.

The two oldest lodges in the Jurisdiction have been causing some concern, but with the inclusion of new blood and an added interest by the older members, the District Deputy sees brighter days ahead for these lodges.

From the reports we gather that in each lodge the Master can confer the three degrees—this is a rather unique accomplishment, and the officers concerned and the lodges over which they have the honor to preside, are to be congratulated. The work in the degrees witnessed was performed in a highly satisfactory manner. Harmony prevails in the various lodges.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

This is another District where the District Deputy reports harmony and progress. Some of the lodges show strong activity in all the community affairs, their members being leaders in all the social and welfare services undertaken; this is as it should be, Freemasonry is of little value unless applied in a practical way to our daily problems.

The District had a fair representation at last Grand Lodge but it is expected that a greater number will attend this Session, now that travel restrictions have been removed.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

The lodges in this District while small, are functioning properly and harmony prevails. All could profit from a better attendance at their meetings. It is appreciated they may have difficulty in arranging all of their meetings to be entertaining, but with the increased numbers making petitions for membership there should not be any difficulty in keeping their officers busy in the conferring of Degrees.

With the numbers offering themselves as candidates for Freemasonry at the present time, all lodges should strive for perfection in the conferring of Degrees. A petitioner is entitled to nothing but the best possible and the impressions received when degrees are being conferred will to a large extent decide whether he will become an asset to the lodge or just another member, with no particular interest in the work of the lodge other than that of being a member.

In a small community a Masonic lodge can and should be a leading institution. It is soon learned outside the doors of a lodge when there is dissension and it cannot be expected men will make application for membership when such conditions prevail.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Reports indicate that all the lodges in this District are active and that harmony prevails. Many of the officers are young and active. The District Deputy reports of one lodge: "a capable group of young officers are in charge, and I can hardly believe when reading the reports of 1939, that this splendid lodge was considering surrendering their Charter."

Of another small lodge he reports a resident membership of seventeen the average attendance is ten—what has this lodge got that many others lack?

Your Committee would like to see an improvement in attendance from this District at Grand Lodge.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

The District Deputy's reports on this District indicate that harmony prevails in all of its twelve lodges. This District is the largest in the Grand Jurisdiction. The District Deputy made some of his official visits in August, but reports that many members were too busy at that time of year to attend, and in November and December, bad roads and weather seemed to interfere.

In all cases, the District Deputy reports the Master able to confer parts of the Degrees, but was able to witness degree work on three occasions only. Not a single lodge has an active study club. All the lodges give the lectures and charges; Opening and Closing Ceremonies were all quite satisfactory. Only five Masters attended the last Communication of Grand Lodge, and apparently six lodges were not represented at all. One lodge was represented only by the Senior Warden.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

This District which has long been one of the healthiest in the Jurisdiction has enjoyed another year of prosperity and harmony. The District Deputy has reported on each lodge and found all in a healthy vigorous condition, carrying their work on efficiently and receiving a satisfactory number of Initiates.

There are only three points which call for comment and improvement; Glenwood Lodge No. 27 and Reston Lodge No. 104 are the only lodges in which the Historical Register is up to date. In all the other lodges this Register is incomplete. This omission should be brought to the attention of the lodge secretaries in default, and they should be asked to have the Historical Registers in their respective lodges brought up to date at once.

Another matter requiring comment is that in many instances there was not a good attendance at Grand Lodge, although it must be noted that in this regard the record is better than on some previous occasions, and particularly it is difficult to find justification for the absence of all three senior officers as in the case of Elgin and Kilwinning Lodges.

It should be noted that Reston Lodge No. 104 has suffered grievous loss in the death of R.W. Bro. A. K. Cates, Past Master of that Lodge and for many years its active and efficient secretary.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Harmony seems to exist throughout this District, though in one case the calm waters were ruffled when making up a slate of officers; doubtless time and Masonic good sense will restore peace.

With the making of young new Masons in the numbers reported, this District will in a short time have a large body from which to select their officers, which will add greater vitality and life to a District already active and prepared for the work in hand.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Only six of the nine lodges in this District show that the Master can confer the degrees and these always seem to be the same six lodges; evidently it has been their policy that the Master must confer the Degrees, and this has not been carried out in the other three. These three, as well as all other lodges in the Jurisdiction, who are letting their Masters get away each year without conferring any or all of the degrees should have this point especially impressed and something should be done to correct it.

None of the lodges have Study Clubs, and only one has their secretary bonded. Only two have a library, and one has just started one. The work of the wardens is outstanding, in that the lectures are always given, this in all nine lodges in the District.

East Star Lodge No. 55 has had special attention—while it is far from being all that could be desired, an improvement has been made, and your Committee suggest another year of patience and assistance before a decision is made.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Why a brother will accept a lodge office and then not attend the regular communications of his lodge is beyond comprehension, and the same mystery shrouds the reason why a lodge continues to appoint and elect such officers.

If an officer has even the most elementary ideas of his duties he must realize that attendance at lodge meeting is the first principle and if illness or the pressing emergencies of his private avocation is such he cannot attend, then by all means retire and let some other brother have the opportunity of holding that office.

The District seems to be in fine shape and no doubt that harmony exists in all lodges. Why one lodge in this district has a good representation at Grand Lodge and another is not represented at all, remains a question of intriguing interest. Some Lodges are holding an annual picnic which will bring together many of the old timers and perhaps interest them again in coming to lodge.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Generally speaking reports indicate that progress has been made, and while harmony prevails, in two lodges there has been disturbances, one of which has been dealt with and closed, and the other is still under consideration. These disturbances do a great deal of harm in the lodge, and it it deeply regretted that some brethren fail to apply our working tools in solving their problem. Much of the feeling expressed in the above cases could not have existed had the Square, Level and Plumb Rule been applied in true masonic spirit.

Our youngest lodge, Manitouwapa No. 156, is a member of this District, and while more or less isolated from other lodges by distance, they have a keen, active and live lodge, and we are all justly proud of the "baby." The District Deputy reports the books of the lodges all properly audited and up to date and while there are no study clubs, those lodges who can, take advantage of the Past Masters' Association "Forum" in Winnipeg.

Congratulations to Lisgar Lodge No. 2 at Selkirk on their 75th Anniversary, which was celebrated in a fitting manner, May 21st, 1946.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

This District reports a steady and favorable progress which is due to some extent to the monthly gatherings of the sitting Masters—a feature started two or three years ago and bearing such good results that your Committee offers the idea to the other Districts for consideration.

The lodges with two exceptions are doing a great deal of inter-lodge visiting, not only in the city, but out to the rural lodges as well, having apparently discovered the great advantages in widening their field of Masonic contacts.

Study Clubs are lacking but it is to be hoped that the advantages offered by the "Forum" as sponsored by the Past Masters' Association will be brought to the attention of Master Masons, particularly the young masons, that they may have the opportunity of attending these fine meetings.

The District Deputy arranged Divine Service at St. Paul's United Church, at which a good attendance was recorded.

As a summary to this report, may we point out five contributing factors to the general healthy advance of Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction during the last year.

First. The Area Meetings have proven their worth, judging from the attendance and interest created.

Second. The Grand Lodge paper "Masonry in Manitoba" has been of immeasurable value as a vehicle for broadcasting news and information among the brethren of the Jurisdiction.

If the brethren would take advantage of the Editorial Committee's request to send in news items of general interest or articles of Masonic value, this paper could be made even a greater medium of contact.

Third. We believe there is an earnest desire for light among many of the men who fought the battles of life, and a desire to continue to be helpful to humanity. Let us not fail them.

Fourth. A pleasing feature of most of the reports reveal an added interest in inter-lodge visitations. This leads to a fuller understanding of the brotherhood of man, inasmuch as it brings men together, makes them feel the need of one another, to be considerate of one another, and above all, it tends to promote equality.

Fifth and last factor, Most Worshipful Sir, has been your dynamic personality and tireless energy in visiting all District and Area Meetings as well as many others and in each case giving the brethren an inspiring address that aroused their desire to be better Freemasons and contribute more to the happiness of others.

Your Committee would like to express its appreciation of the work done by the District Deputies, each has served Grand Lodge and his District faithfully. We hope their successors will give the same care and attention to the duties of that high office, and have the courage to frankly and kindly criticize the lodges' work or the work of its officers where necessary, for while good addresses are important, guiding and instructing lodges under their direction is of greater importance. If this is done, the District will enjoy a higher proficiency in ritualistic work as well as a higher standard in lodge management.

In recognition of the good work done by the retiring District Deputy Grand Masters during their term of office, your Committee recommends that the rank of Past Deputy Grand Master be conferred on the following:

R.W. Bro. Jas. Wardrope—First Masonic District
R.W. Bro. Jas. Mathewson—Second Masonic District
R.W. Bro. W. J. Young—Third Masonic District
R.W. Bro. Murdo Maclean—Fourth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. T. W. Offen—Fifth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. John Cuthill—Sixth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. J. C. Lundy—Seventh Masonic District
R.W. Bro. A. J. Sawatzky—Eighth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. G. W. Russenholt—Ninth Masonic District

R.W. Bro. R. W. Ross—Tenth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. G. P. Fairbairn—Twelfth Masonic District

Respectfully submitted,
FRED H. BLYTHE
Chairman,
Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry.

Presented by W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93) who moved that the report be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. H. B. Wallace (6). Carried.

GREETINGS

The Most Worshipful Grand Master called on M.W. Bro. Frank A. Copus, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario), M.W. Bro. Frank W. Matson, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and M.W. Bro. Fred C. Hayes, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, to address the brethren.

Each of these distinguished guests brought very appropriate and friendly greetings from their respective Grand Lodges and were thanked by the M.W. Grand Master for their timely messages of good will.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

Your Committee on Investments reports continued improvement in the investment position of the Endowment and the Beneficiary Funds.

During the year under review, the bond investments of the Endowment Fund were increased by $18,022.17 and of the Beneficiary Fund by $3,000.00, making the total amounts invested in bonds for:

The Endowment Fund	$276,000.00
The Beneficiary Fund	34,000.00
	$310.000.00

Our Property Account has been reduced by $10,135.33. The sale of 275 Harvard Avenue for $10,000.00 cash having accounted for the major portion of the reduction. We have now only two properties to dispose of, viz:

191 Ethelbert Street, rented at $45.00 per month and against which we have	$4,614.13
299 Waverley Street, rented at $75.00 per month and against which we have	8,788.68
	$13,402.81
The previous year, this account stood at	$23,538.14
Rents received during the year amounted to	2,040.00
Taxes paid during the year amounted to	1,141.63
Net Revenue (Approximately 4%)	$ 899.37

The amount invested in mortgages has also been substantially reduced from $4,124.33 to $1,706.31, a reduction of $2,418.02. We now have only two mortgages totalling $1,706.31.

Donations to the Endowment Fund amounted to $2,686.11 as compared with $1,631.99 last year, an increase of $1,051.12.

City of Winnipeg debentures to the amount of $2,177.83 were redeemed at a profit of $158.16.

Interest and premiums on bonds, received during the year amounted to	$12,702.06
Amount paid to Beneficiaries	5,423.00
Excess of receipts over Beneficiary disbursements	$ 7,279.06

Your Committee strongly recommends:

a—That separate accounts be kept for the Benevolent Endowment and Beneficiary Funds.

b—That the policy of submitting combined Annual Statements by the auditors, as at present, be discontinued.

c—That separate bank accounts be opened for each Fund.

d—That the present system of combining the transactions in respect to these two funds be discontinued at once.

Fraternally submitted.

ROYAL BURRITT,
Chairman.

Presented by R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3), who moved that the Report be adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4).

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE, ON REVIEWS OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF OTHER GRAND LODGES

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

My task as Reviewer is again at an annual finish, and I submit my annual report dealing with the Proceedings of those Grand Jurisdictions which conduct a reciprocal fraternal correspondence, and with which the Grand Lodge of Manitoba is in fraternal relations.

Worthy of special mention is a movement on foot to render substantial financial assistance to our brethren in the devastated areas in Europe, whose Temples have been destroyed and their leaders subjected to indignities, imprisonment and even put to death.

I have endeavored to give you the most important events of each Jurisdiction, and hope that you will derive much pleasure and inspiration from the reading thereof. They are not wholly living in the past, but are looking forward, realizing that the road lies over the hill, straight ahead.

Fraternally submitted,

HUGH M. KERR,
Chairman.

Presented by R.W. Bro. H. M. Kerr (113) who moved that the Report be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. H. B. Wallace (6). Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The year which has passed since the close of the European war has given many evidences of a revival of interest in Masonic matters, and an anxious desire on the part of the Masonic Bodies generally to re-establish the broken relationships and to co-operate in every way possible in the strengthening of true Masonic relationships throughout the world. It seems but natural that, under the circumstances, many proposals should be put forward which show a greater anxiety for attainment of these desirable results than the mature consideration of the ways and means of accomplishing them, which would seem to be necessary after a long period of political and economic disturbance.

Many suggestions have come from Grand Lodges with whom we are in fraternal relationship in which we cannot concur, and about which we have expressed our misgivings. As we feel, however that all of these matters will ultimately be adjusted in the best interests of the Craft to which all are equally devoted, we do not feel that any specific reference to the points under dispute, or to the Grand Jurisdictions concerned, would either be helpful or wise at the present time. We would like to assure the brethren however, that all matters are being carefully considered, and no major decisions will be reached without full and adequate consultation.

Respectfully submitted,

N. J. BLACK,
Chairman.

Presented by R.W. Bro. H. B. Wallace (6) who moved that the Report be adopted, seconded by R. W. Bro. Murdo Maclean (13). Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment at 12.20 noon, to attend the Grand Lodge Luncheon at 12.30 noon.

GRAND LODGE LUNCHEON

Luncheon was served to our Distinguished Guests and members of Grand Lodge at the Fort Garry Hotel, at 12.30 noon, June 6th, by the Freemasons in the First and Twelfth Masonic Districts, under the auspices of the Winnipeg Past Masters' Association, W. Bro. Stephen J. Sametz, President and Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN

M.W. Grand Master, Distinguished Guests and Brethren:

It is my privilege and honour to welcome you today on behalf of the Masonic Brethren of the Greater Winnipeg area. Our Past Masters' Association of Greater Winnipeg are happy to have had the opportunity to make the arrangements for this luncheon given to the members of our Grand Lodge and distinguished visitors on behalf of the Masonic brethren of the Greater Winnipeg area.

One of the main objects of our Association is to promote closer fraternal connection between lodges and brethren. We hope you have enjoyed yourselves so far and now that you have rubbed elbows with each other we hope you will continue the friendly intercourse with your neighbors on right and left for the rest of the session.

We have with us a speaker who will give you some intellectual and spiritual refreshment and I am sure you will all be grateful that he was able to come and speak to us.

We will now be favoured with a vocal selection by Brother Ernie Burrows.

I now have the honour to ask you gentlemen to join with me in a toast to the King Pin of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Most W.B. Doctor Peter T. Pilkey.

DR. PILKEY

I am not unmindful, my brethren, that we have to adjourn at 2.30, and business always comes first, as far as that is concerned.

I thank you very much Mr. Chairman, for the cordiality of your toast and the very enthusiastic welcome that you have accorded me. It will not be very long now before a new personality will take my place. I again wish to thank you for your kindness during the last twelve months and we will go on now with more important things.

THE CHAIRMAN

Our next item is in the hands of our First Vice-President, W. B. Chable.

MR. CHABLE

Mr. Chairman and Brethren:

It is now a distinct pleasure for me on this occasion to introduce our guest speaker. We have this afternoon to speak to us a brother who has had wide experience in many fields. He was born in England and as a young man entered the diplomatic service and in this capacity served a number of years in Japan and has traveled extensively throughout all the countries of the Far East. He resigned from this work to serve in the armed forces in World War 1. Following this he became a rancher in the Grande Prairie District until about a year ago. During World War 2 he became an ordained minister of the Anglican Church serving within the diocese of Athabasca. He has been around the world over forty times. He is a P.M. of Rising Sun Lodge No. 1401 and Past Z of Rising Sun Chapter R.A.M. in Japan. He is a member and P.M. of Humility with Fortitude No. 229 Lodge of Calcutta, India; member of Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105; Honorary Member of Peace River Lodge No. 89, Peace River, and of Peace Lodge No. 126 of Dawson Creek, B.C. He was recently elected an Honorary Member of Athanaeum Lodge No. 1491, London, England; and Past Senior Grand Warden and Past Grand Secretary of the District Grand Lodge of Japan.

I have pleasure in presenting to you our guest speaker, M.W. Bro. Reverend Canon G. H. Crane-Williams of Dimsdale, Alberta, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

REV. CANON GEORGE H. CRANE-WILLIAMS

M.W. Grand Master, Past Masters, Bro. Chable, Distinguished Guests and Brethren:

I appreciate very highly indeed the privilege which is mine today of speaking to one of the finest gatherings I have ever addressed. It is true that a few months ago I had the joy of speaking in the Grand Lodge of England, where one expects a greater number, but I am sure no better Masons, or better men, can be found anywhere than those whose delightful faces are now looking at me today.

I want to bring you greetings from the Grand Lodge of Alberta, a Lodge of your own conception and during its early formative years a child of your kindly nourishment; anything that we may have attained as a Grand Lodge that is worth while we owe to your Grand Lodge of Manitoba and that respect, which now almost amounts to reverence, is increased and stimulated for us by the wonderful men whom you send to our annual meetings to represent you, and among that galaxy of wonderful men there is no member who has won our hearts so thoroughly as your present Grand Master, Peter T. Pilkey. It has been my good fortune to meet many of your distinguished brethren and there is one I fear I must refer to today, one who most we mourn as no longer with us, John Russell, your late Grand Secretary, possessed a charming personality and won our admiration by his assiduous attention to duty, to traveling to the neighboring Grand Lodges and contributing to the success of those gatherings by his words of wisdom and benign demeanour, frequently, of late when he should have been sparing himself. We shall miss him this year in Edmonton, but treasure in our hearts a kindly remembrance of him, as I know that is how you will regard Uncle John.

I have selected for my theme today the British Empire, a subject which some of you may think to be hackneyed and even prosaic, particularly those who may not meet more than once a year, but I make no apology for deciding upon it because I am of the opinion the importance of the Empire was never more in evidence or ever less in doubt than it is today.

A little while ago I either read or heard a statement something like this: The British Empire can never be destroyed, because its component parts will never submit to separation. Whoever the pundit, I think we can more applaud his patriotism than his prescience. The British Empire, in common with all other aggregations of peoples and mundane organizations, carries within itself its own seeds of dissolution, and those who see in the Empire the power for good which it undoubtedly is and which it increasingly may become will do well intelligently to inform themselves concerning it, that they may labour to delay, if not to prevent, its ever running to seed.

Its birth, like that of some great men, was of a lowly origin and this may have influenced its later development, as can be seen in the lives of such men as my analogy may bring to mind. It was born of the cinderella among the nations of the world and like Topsy just growed; its success being due not to environment so much as heredity; a family of states each working out its own future with the fullest rights of autonomy, but bound together in the highest unity of Empire, a concept of unity of an organized body, the members and classes of it in due relation one to another, progressing towards the fullest realization of the individual, based in the last resort upon religious conceptions, maintaining private property, the rights of the individual, the obligations of class to class, and the solidarity of the whole as fundamental principles never to be violated. With such a parentage we wonder not that it grew to maturity, at once the admiration and the envy of all other peoples.

It became, in its constitutional relations, in the methods by which various great public problems were handled, a model and an example for all other states, and there were few who would not regard as an inforgivable offence any avoidance of contributory responsibility or any neglect which might lead to the disintegration of so great an amalgamation of interests and states.

Experience has shown that this vast organization cannot be kept intact, or still more, progress to fuller fruition without constant watch and guard. Vital changes are necessary from time to time in the policy governing this comity of nations to ensure no interruption of the traditional respect for each other and the love for the whole which has ever been the dominating principles of its unity.

That a measure of anxiety for the preservation of this unity has been evident on occasions cannot be denied. It is natural to seek to retain that which there appears a danger of losing, but up to now, in the providence of God, the threats of disunity have vanished before the sanity of successive leaders among the constituent assemblies comprising the Empire.

Periods of so-called reconstruction which follow any international upheaval, particularly a war such as we are now valiantly striving to settle, are breeding grounds for the development of misunderstandings, engendering hate and wholly destructive of mutual good-will. At such times statesmen and nations point to a vague internationalism as a solution for post-war problems, but while these same statesmen glibly talk of international brotherhood, behind the veil they seek to pursue and indeed do pursue exclusive policies which actually multiply the barriers between states and threaten, at irritating regularity, to plunge the world again and again into war.

The economic factor is today, as ever, the predominant force for good or for evil in a materialistic world. As between the various states comprising our Empire nearly all the rules of the economic game have been scrapped in the face of the threat of non-survival which was a stark reality overshadowing our wartime years. This, of course, was only possible for the reason that temporarily production for exportation for sale within or outside the Empire was entirely suspended. The extraaordinary spectacle of the keenest competitors in the days of peace contributing to a common pool, without thought of cost or payment save as bookkeeping items, commodities of the most widely varying value, bulk and purpose, expendable by each or by all, for a common purpose, to an avowed intent, was as empty of precedent at it was full of apprehension for those to whom is now entrusted the task of settlements.

The stability of the structure of the Empire has been amply demonstrated by the generosity flowing to the old Motherland from her daughters in their homes beyond the seas, giving the lie direct to the croakers who saw in the voluntary liquidation of the Old Country the obsequies of Empire. And the value of the Empire has been demonstrated beyond cavil or doubt, not only to the free and independent peoples comprising the Empire, but to all the peoples of the world.

This is no braggart boasting, it is the simple unvarnished tale of truth, for it was the Empire, gallantly led by Britain that first accepted the challenge to freedom and bore on her proud bosom the deadliest blows of a merciless, brutal, insensate beast, determined upon her absolute destruction. The war was won when the might of the Luftwaffe did its damndest and the morning dawned and found there yet Britain still undaunted.

It is a great privilege for an Englishman to be allowed to speak in these terms before men and brethren to many of whom the sorrow of suffering has come as a direct result of their own and their own's sacrifice in ampler measure, that Britain should survive. I hope I have not abused that privilege.

Some of you will go—I hope you will go—as I went last year to Britain and will hear first hand of how, just as Britain stood alone in the gap when there was none to aid her, Canada stood in the later days, the sole defender of Britain's shores. From the white cliffs of Dover to the woodlands of Devon the thin line of tempered steel, the brave hearts of Canadian soldiers, insufficiently armed as no doubt at times they were, sheltered the land whence most of their roots were lifted and protected a people who will never forget.

The British Empire, OUR Empire, could decay, pray God it never will, but it will live for ever in the stories our childrens' children shall never cease to learn of the heroism of brave men who fought and died on the beaches of Sicily and Normandy and captured the stronghold of Falaise.

It has at length been recognized even by the Mother of Parliaments that abysmal ignorance prevails concerning the Empire in every part of it. I was pleased to see an old Canadian speaking in the House of Lords on this same lack of knowledge of Imperial affairs. Lord Bennett was very fair, while aiming at being constructive. He said he was so accustomed to having England blamed in matters concerning the Empire, when the blame really rested elsewhere. "Tolerance in England was a disease," he said.

It is in the nature of the case that there should exist some ambiguity in appraising inter-imperial relations, because, as I have pointed out, this Empire of ours just "growed" and rather much as any piccaninny would, developing rather loosely, perhaps untidily.

The oft-quoted Statute of Westminster, the one and only document which deals with the linking together of the British Commonwealth of Nations with its allegiance to the Crown is of design quite loosely drafted and any attempt to impose rigidity into those relations would be fraught with grave difficulties and wide divergencies of opinion, resulting probably in greater chaos and some engendering of heat.

I believe, however, that the time may have come when the Empire as an entity, as a cohesive whole, might be looked to and appealed to as capable of speaking with one voice and exerting in her relations with the rest of the world one cogent policy admitting of no argument, indicating to all the world where the Empire stands and what she is prepared to enunciate and maintain.

As a world traveler for forty years or more, for a quarter of a century at least I have been advocating an Imperial Parliament. The British House of Commons can never be that, but I am convinced that although the Statutes provide for direction of Imperial affairs by Secretaries of State of Colonies and Dominions in respect of matters concerning their relations with the Crown, the position can never be considered satisfactory until the Ministers of External Affairs of all self-governing Dominions are granted equal voice with the Secretaries of State in the debates upon essentially Empire matters. This must sound rather political—it is a matter of high policy and there is a more insistent need and one which should be delayed no longer—Imperial Education, or a sound dissemination of facts of Empire. These facts should be taught in every school within the Empire. The universities do not teach these things, I am informed, because the schools do not teach them and, of course, the schools do not teach them because the universities do not expect it.

The sharing of the common experience of war has immensely consolidated the British Commonwealth and now is the time to develop that solidarity, first by education on all matters pertaining to Empire and the constitution of an Empire Parliament. Not a mere consultative body, but one enjoying executive powers, having the power to implement its decisions through the forces of the Crown, in the which, too, should be drafted component units of Empire, a truly Imperial Army, not the army of Great Britain, so often erroneously referred to as such. As, also, the Navy and Air Force demonstrated their individual and collective importance in the fight for freedom, so too these should be Imperial, as pertaining to and belonging to and drafted from and supported by each and every land and people of the Empire.

It is full early yet to speak of the workings of the United Nations, but sufficient has been seen to make one realize all is not likely to be smooth sailing, and it is the more necessary that a body politic, so vast as our Empire, wielding influence as it does far beyond the confines of its own shores, should so plan now for the future that, come what may, no disruptive force of any origin whatsoever should find the peoples of our Empire other than solidly bound together by ties, not only of self interest and preservation, but of a desire for the maintenance of freedom and universal peace.

My brethren, I am an old man and have seen many things and lived in many lands. I make a prophecy, which, of course, I would never be able to have you confront me with, but the day is coming when the Capital of the Empire will no longer be in Britain, too close to the hotbed of mutual misunderstanding, hatred, envy, malice and all uncharitableness which we see on every hand in Europe. We must move the Capital from that tiny little island in the North Sea to the great land of Canada, which has the most natural wealth of any country in the whole world and has a people unitedly determined on the preservation of the civilization for which the Empire stands. I trust we shall ever remain true to our Empire, however kindly disposed to those who enabled our Empire to stand, our brethren to the south.

The time will not allow me to continue further. I have been very happy to have been here today and I hope I have not abused the privilege you have given me of speaking to you.

I thank you.

R.W. BRO. DAVID MACKAY

Most Worshipful Brother:

It has been a great privilege and we very much appreciate that fact that you have been able to come here and visit us today. Your message has been very timely and I can assure you that the topic on which you have spoken never grows old, is never prosaic and is always nearest to our hearts, and I think in that I speak for all Freemasons. I wish to extend to you our very sincere thanks for your splendid address this afternoon. (Applause).

R.W. BRO. R. M. MUCKLE

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Masters and Brethren:

On behalf of the members of country lodges I wish to thank the Past Masters' Association and the members of the City Lodges for their kindness in providing this splendid banquet. We have enjoyed the banquet, we have been stirred to our very souls by the excellent address of the speaker; we have enjoyed the fraternal relationship with the Winnipeg Lodges and the Past Masters' Association and we have been charmed by the music you have afforded us this afternoon. So on behalf of the members of the Lodges located in the country, some eighty-one in number, I wish to convey to you our sincere thanks.

Meeting adjourned.

Second Day

Thursday, June 6th, 1946

Afternoon Session

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor at 2.35 by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN

The inspiration for what I have prepared as my 1946 address is a passage written by that great Masonic writer, Dr. Joseph Fort Newton, about twenty years ago:

In primitive society there were four institutions, Equally Divine. Equally Sacred, all tokens of the solidarity of aspiration and obligation, of need and destiny, which binds humanity together.

"There was, first of all, and most fundamental, the Home—the corner stone of society and civilization, which satisfies more human needs than any other fellowship. It was crude, as all things were in the morning of time, yet it had in it the prophecy of that enshrinement of beauty and 'tenderness into which we were born, the memory of which hallows us still. The basic fact in the human story is the family as a unit of values, marking the life of man off from anything known or looked for in the animal world. To contrast its early simplicity with the religious and social refinement of today is to fill the word 'Progress' with an unimagined meaning.

There was the Temple of Prayer—not a temple at first, but only a rough altar of uncut stone—uplifted by the same instinct for the Eternal which built the great cathedrals. Its rites were rude, often grotesque and horrible—its smoke of sacrifice ascending in a cloud of fear—yet in that darkness there was a gleam of 'the light that never was on sea or land,' by which we are guided through the labyrinth of the world.

There was the State beginning in patriarchal rule, merging thence into the tribe and the nation, and at last into huge empires which met in the clash of conflict. The State, too, was imperfect—as it still is—but it had in it the rudiments and foregleams of our patriotic devotion to our country.

But there was another institution, quite as old as the other three, equally sacred and hardly less important, to which we are more indebted than we realize. It was called the Men's House, a secret lodge in which every young man, when he came to maturity, was initiated into the law, legend and tradition of his people. Recent research has brought to light this long hidden institution, showing that it was really the centre of early tribal life, the council chamber, the guest house, the place of meeting for men, where laws were made and courts were held, and where the trophies of war were treasured.

Indeed, early human society—most of it, at least, so far as the men were concerned—was a secret society; and unless we keep this fact in mind we can hardly understand it at all. It is the key to the interpretation of primitive social life, without which many things remain cryptic and shadowy.

It is not easy to exaggerate the importance of these secret lodges in the formative period of society in promoting that sense of kindship, sanctity, and loyalty which lies at the roots of law, order and religion."

In our own jurisdiction, the necessity of providing suitable accommodation for the purposes of Freemasonry, especially in the pioneer days of Manitoba, was a serious problem. On this occasion I have gathered together many loose threads and woven them into a story of the Masonic meeting places in Winnipeg from the time the Craft was introduced here up to the present day.

The need for a "Men's House," for such it really was, must have been very real on that day in the Spring of 1864, when eight Craftsmen, the total Masonic population of Manitoba, petitioned the Grand Lodge of Minnesota for "letters of dispensation or a warrant of constitution," empowering them to assemble as a legal lodge. The primary requirement—a dispensation—having been obtained, it was then necessary to secure a suitable hall in which to hold meetings.

In order to obtain a true perspective of the situation it is necessary that we should first understand what constituted the hamlet if we could even designate the place with this humble title.

Where the City of Winnipeg stands today there did not exist a dozen dwellings in 1864. If in fancy we stand at the corner of Portage Avenue and Main Street and take this as our centre, here is what we would find in close proximity.

Andrew McDermott had his residence, mill and outbuildings in the general direction of McDermot Avenue as we know it today. Adjoining the McDermott property was that of his son-in-law, Andrew Bannatyne, Senior Warden of the original lodge.

At the intersection already referred to and on the site of the present Canadian National Railway office building, Henry McKinney built the first independent business establishment in the area known as Winnipeg. His competitor, William Drever, built a second building, which for some years stood where the street car tracks run, also at the corner of Portage and Main.

Then Dutch George built his pioneer log cabin hostelry known as Emmerling Hotel. This stood north of the present McIntyre Block. These three buildings were erected in the rotation given in 1861-1862 and they, with the McDermott and Bannatyne buildings, comprised the sum total choice of quarters for Northern Light Lodge in 1864. The brethren decided in favor of the Upper floor of the Bannatyne store on Post Office Street (Lombard Street) and during its existence all the lodge meetings were held in that place.

Let me quote the comment of the first Worshipful Master, Dr. John Schultz, as he later told the story of the original Manitoba Lodge:

". . . and a novelty it was indeed in this country at that time. It was spoken of far and wide, and the description, which did not decrease in detail, or increase in accuracy as to what was done therein, was listened to with much curiosity, and in some cases with awesome wonder, which was enhanced by the jocoseness of Brother Bannatyne's clerks, who spoke knowingly of the whereabouts and propulsive propensities of the goat, and who pointed out from the room below (to wit, the trading house) exactly in what part of the upstairs room the W.M. hung his hat while the lodge was at work.

"The Lodge room itself was made as tasteful as circumstances of that day would admit; and it may interest the curious to know the exact cost of some of the furniture.

"Tables—39/6, inner door—1/—, altar—19/6, wallpaper —39/—, 24 black beads—1/16, 24 white beads—1—, 100 copies of by-laws—40/—, and it may be inferred that the Craft was not always at work for I find on the list 15 tin plates, 15 iron tablespoons, 15 teaspoons, 12 cups and saucers, 1 tin pan, 4 cans pickled oysters, 1 pound butter and 2 pounds sugar, which would seem to show that there were intervals for refreshments. The Jewels were borrowed from the Pembina Lodge and were used until January, 1864, when these were replaced by fine ones from Chicago."

From what records we now possess it is evident the Bannatyne rooms were the only accommodation used from 1864 to 1869 when the lodge went out of existence.

In November, 1869, Louis Riel and his insurgents seized Fort Garry from the Hudson's Bay Company and assumed, in their arrogant estimation, control of the country. The rebels remained in occupancy until the month of August, 1870, when the Wolseley Expedition arrived and the insurgents quickly decamped.

The unsettled condition of Manitoba at this time touched the life of every resident in Red River Settlement and one need have little questioning doubt as to the wisdom of closing down the Lodge. Doubtless, it was considered a temporary measure at the time, but alas the brethren were never again called to labor. Shortly after the arrival of the Wolseley Expedition, nine craftsmen belonging to the military establishment sought a dispensation from The Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario) to form a Lodge at Fort Garry and on 10th December, 1870, Prince Rupert's Lodge was instituted.

The story of Prince Rupert's Lodge was the subject of my address in 1941. On this occasion our focus is directed upon the meeting place not the history of the Lodge. The first meeting held by the founders of Prince Rupert's Lodge was held in the house of William Drever and from the evidence now available it would appear that a few of the early meetings were held at the same place.

We must remember the site of the future city had not been laid out in 1870 and only one street (Post Office Street) had been given a name. The Drever House stood on what later became Notre Dame East, near the corner of Victoria Street.

In January, 1871, the Junior Warden of Prince Rupert's Lodge, ''as requested at a previous meeting, laid a communication from Mr. McKinney before the lodge, relative to the renting of the rooms now occupied by the lodge. Mr. McKinney offered the use of the three rooms for $20 per month and the W.M. was empowered to engage the accommodation at that rate.''

The location of the building referred to was the northwest corner of Main Street and Portage Road (Avenue) then known as Queens Street West. These premises built in 1862 were of log construction and were the first to be erected at the junction of the Assiniboine and Red River tracks and they formed the nucleus of the future city. It was a historic landmark for many years.

The brethren of Prince Rupert's Lodge did not enjoy occupancy very long because within four months the W.M. was instructed ''to make the necessary arrangements with

Brother Drever to enable the lodge to meet in his house in consequence of having to vacate the present lodge room.'' This however was a temporary arrangement.

During the same month (May, 1871) we read, ''The W.M. was authorized to accept a proposal from Bro. James H. Ashdown, relating to the renting of lodge room accommodation from him in a room over a store recently constructed.'' This building was the first erected by Bro. Ashdown on the lot where the retail store stands today. It was of wooden construction, twenty by sixty feet, two storeys high and the lodge room was situated on the upper floor. This room continued to be the Masonic Hall until the month of October, 1872, when the brethren were compelled to seek new quarters because the owner required the space for his own business.

We now find the brethren of Prince Rupert's Lodge—the only Masonic Lodge in Fort Garry at this time—occupying rooms obtained from Brother Dawson and situated over the store which Mrs. Dawson used as a millinery establishment. The location of this building was on the east side of Main Street and it was the third building north of Notre Dame East. It stood where the Victory Building, occupied by the Northern Trust Company, stands today. It was a two storey log building.

This continued to be the meeting place of the Masons of Winnipeg (Fort Garry) until the month of June, 1874. It was in this lodge room that Ancient Landmark Lodge was instituted in 1872.

The new accommodations obtained in June, 1874, were regarded as more suitable and commodious and were located over a store which had just been completed by Higgins and Young. The address was 434 Main Street, on the West side of the street and a few doors south of McDermot Avenue. When this building was first erected it was considered one of the finest buildings in the City. It was in this hall that the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was instituted on Wednesday, 12th May, 1875. One month later, on 14th June, 1875, St. John's Lodge was brought into the Masonic family of Manitoba as the first born of the newly created Grand Lodge. The Masons of

Winnipeg continued in the Higgins and Young building until 1880. Thus far we have mentioned six different buildings which over the years housed the Masonic fraternity of Winnipeg.

During the decade, 1870-1880, our pioneer brethren were obliged to change their place of meeting with recurring regularity. Not one of the six original buildings exists today. They have made way for the change and development of metropolitan life.

In the year 1880 we find another lodge room being leased this was in the Harris Block, situated at the south-east corner of Main Street and Market Street and of all the places occupied as a Masonic Hall by our brethren in the early days of the City, this is the only one still standing.

The comment of the Grand Secretary under date 12th April, 1880, makes interesting reading, "Tuesday evening, 7th inst., witnessed the rivetting of the last bolt, to speak figuratively, in the circle of brotherly love, which has once more drawn within its circumference the recently divided Craft of this Province. I allude to the union of the four City Lodges: Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1; Ancient Landmark, No. 3; St. John's, No. 4; and Northern Light, No. 10, in the joint occupation of a new, large and commodious hall, situated in the third storey of the Harris Block, opposite the City Hall, and which was solemnly dedicated to Freemasonry on the evening in question by M.W. Grand Master, John Headley Bell, assisted by Past Grand Masters, W. N. Kennedy and G. F. Newcomb; Deputy Grand Master, E. G. Conklin and other Grand Lodge officers.

The hall is the finest this side of St. Paul, Minn. The lodge room is 25 x 60 and 15 feet high. There is a spacious refreshment room, waiting room, visitors test room and preparation room, all comfortably furnished in a style that, but a short time ago, the most hopeful of the fraternity would have deemed impossible; but where union holds sway, what cannot be accomplished?

The assemblage was the largest of the kind ever witnessed in our Province, and the cordial feeling and good fellowship that prevailed showed that all memories of the late unhappy differences were buried in oblivion.

After the impressive ceremonies were concluded, the M.W. Grand Master in the course of an eloquent address said, "In this Province as elsewhere, Masonry has seen many vicissitudes. I call to mind the first time it was my privilege to meet with the Craft in this Province in 1871—a small band of brothers in a very small room, not half as large as the re-refreshment room adjoining this hall. There were only about enough to open an E. A. Lodge.

Shortly afterwards, a second lodge was organized, and a larger room obtained. In about two years after, a still larger hall became necessary, and since that time two more lodges have been warranted, and now a still larger hall has been dedicated to the Mysteries of Masonry, and I trust ere another decade elapses, the Craft will be in a hall of their own, receiving instead of paying rent.

I am satisfied that it only needs energetic action, shall I say on the part of the Masters of the four lodges, and the thing could be accomplished."

Alas, the high hopes expressed by the Grand Master in 1880 were rudely blasted in the winter of 1882-83. The full details of the event are not available but our late brother, Geo. F. Carruthers, who was D.D.G.M. at the time, made this report under date February 1st, 1883.

"For the many mercies for which, we as Masons have to be thankful for during the past year, there is none greater than that shown by the G.A.O.U. in permitting the ceiling of our late lodge room to fall at a time when only such an accident could have occurred without the most dreadful results to life and property; if any lodge had been in session at the time, with stoves burning and lamps lighted, the consequence would have been too horrible to contemplate, and we can only breathe a humble prayer of thanksgiving to the Giver of all Good, that we have still time and space for repentence granted us.

The occurrence to which I have just alluded should make the Masons of Winnipeg feel that the time has now arrived for taking active measures towards the erection of a Masonic Hall, that will be a credit to the enterprise of this young and vigorous city.

In the past, one or two attempts to attain this end have been made, but either from the fact that the action was premature, the brethren too poor and few in number, or from whatever cause it may have been, failure was always the result. Now, however, surely, no excuse of any kind can exist, energetic and united action is all that is required to make the dream of the past, the reality of the future. Let me venture to hope that the City lodges will take this matter up and push it is a successful issue.''

The eigth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held shortly after the disaster and the brethren assembled on 14th and 15th February, 1883, in the Lecture room of First Congregational Church because ''the Masonic Hall having been ruined by the collapse of the roof.''

It is unfortunate but nevertheless an incontrovertible fact that the secretaries of our lodges, as a general rule, when writing their minutes, head the entry with ''held in the Masonic Hall (or Temple).'' The address of such a place of meeting seems of no importance yet when we endeavor, as we are now attempting, to write history and connect a ''hall'' with a particular location, how difficult is the task after the lapse of sixty years or more. The men who were the secretaries in former days have been succeeded by brethren with the same human failing. Perhaps this word of suggestion will cause some secretary to properly identify his Masonic Hall with a definite location or Street address when writing up his minute book.

Shortly after the collapse of the roof at the Harris Block we read in the minute book of St. John's Lodge No. 4, under date, 7th March, 1883, ''Nine o'clock, Grand Master and Grand officers were received with Grand Honors when they proceeded to dedicate the hall to Masonry.'' One month later, 4th April, 1883, another entry in the same minute book reads: ''that an order be drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the W.M. of this Lodge for the sum of $200.00 to pay the proportion of our indebtedness of expenses incurred in connection with fitting up this hall, as our representatives on the room committee deem just to the lodge.''

Here again we find no identification whatever as to where the ''hall'' was situated, but from the Winnipeg City Directories of that period we find it was the top floor of a recently built business block which stood at the north east corner of Main Street and Lombard Street. This was the site of the original Bannatyne log building in which Freemasonry was introduced in 1864. This Men's House remained the centre of Masonic activity and housed ''all the lodges and orders'' until the year 1888.

Reverting once more to the minute book of St. John's Lodge No. 4. We read in the fall of 1887 the following: ''A verbal report relative to the Masonic Room Committee negotiating the rental of a new hall.'' Later in the year another entry tells us ''authorized the expenditure of $150.00 as the lodge share of furnishings to include a Brussels carpet at a cost of $1.40 per yard, laid down in the new hall.''

Then, in the month of April, 1888, we find this entry ''an account was presented from the Masonic Room Committee for one month's rent in the old hall and three month's rent in the new hall.'' All of which leads us to the conclusion that occupancy of a ''new hall'' had been effected early in 1888.

Commenting upon the removal in question the D.D.G.M. First Masonic District submitted this in his report to Grand Lodge in February, 1889. ''Since our last communication the lodges in Winnipeg have moved into the convenient hall in which Grand Lodge meets today, and have established a reading room in connection therewith. This room which is open every day, together with the Grand Lodge Library, affords brethren ample opportunity to make themselves acquainted with the past and present condition of Masonry.'' In the course of his address the Grand Master had this to say: ''I am thankful that we have now more suitable premises in which to hold these gatherings. It was my privilege to dedicate this hall with the proper ceremoniees to the purpose of Freemasonry and I am glad to know that the various City Lodges have benefitted by the change of location.'' The Grand Secretary reported, ''The reading room opened in April last (1888) is open daily, except Sundays, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.''

It will be noticed not one of these references tell us where the hall was located. This place of meeting was the top floor of the Western Canada Loan and Savings Co. building, at the north west corner of Portage Avenue and Main Street, on the site the City offices of the Canadian National Railway stand today. Here met all the lodges and different Masonic bodies with the exception of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite who maintained their own rooms at the corner of Main Street and Lombard Street.

It is of interest to mention at this point the total membership of the Craft Lodges in Winnipeg as at 27th December, 1888. This was made up as follows:

Prince Rupert's Lodge	108
Ancient Landmark Lodge	175
St. John's Lodge	122
Northern Light Lodge	53
Ionic Lodge	66
	524

The brethren of Winnipeg were very comfortable in these fine new premises for six years. Then on the morning of 16th November, 1894, they opened their newspaper to read:

''Western Canada Loan Company located on the corner of Main Street and Portage Avenue and one of the most substantial business structures in Winnipeg was burned. It was about 2 o'clock in the morning when the fire was discovered. *The Masonic Loss*: The loss to the Masonic fraternity by yesterday morning's fire in the Western Canada Block is very severe, the more so because practically irreparable. The library comprising about 1,500 volumes contained many old Masonic publications that have long been out of print, and cannot possibly be replaced. In addition to the books all the lodge records since the inception of Masonry here, twenty-five years ago, were destroyed, only the register of the Grand Lodge membership being saved.

There were a number of valuable paintings and pictures of Past Grand Masters since 1872. The latter were secured with much difficulty and it is not likely a complete set can again be secured. Then there was the lodge furniture, including a new piano and the regalia of eight bodies bringing the aggregate money loss up to fully $7,000.00.

The Lodges that occupied the room were, Prince Ruperts No. 1; Ancient Landmark No. 3; St. John's No. 4; Northern Light No. 10; and Ionic No. 25;—all blue lodges of A.F. & A.M. Prince Rupert's Chapter No. 105 of the Royal Arch Masons and Albert Edward Preceptory of Knights Templar No. 24. Albert Edward Preceptory had regalia, etc., valued at $2,000.00 on which there was insurance to the amount of $1,000.00. Ancient Landmark Lodge will lose $1,800.00 and carried insurance of $900.00. The Grand Lodge carried $900.00. insurance. Prince Rupert's Lodge had $200.00 on regalia, etc. Prince Rupert's Chapter R.A.M. had $250.00 and the other lodges carried small amounts while the Committee Room had $1,200.00 on the lodge furniture.

Fire said to have started in the basement but the caretaker of the block claimed it started on the top floor and ran down the elevator shaft.

John McBride, caretaker of the Masonic Hall, had a narrow escape and only got out from a rear window on the top storey by climbing down a rope."

Thus disaster visited the Masons of Winnipeg for a second time in eleven years.

Some days after the fire a meeting of the Masons of Winnipeg was convened to discuss the situation and form plans for the future. Out of this meeting a movement was instituted to erect a Masonic Temple and later a site was secured at the south east corner of Donald Street and Ellice Avenue.

As may readily be understood the brethren of the City

Lodges had many difficulties to overcome at this period. The Masonic Hall had been completely destroyed. They were without a permanent home. The Insurance carried on the property lost was inadequate. Lodge Charters, records, minute books, regalia, furniture, all had been consumed in the fire and the finances of the various lodges were in no condition to allow extravagant expenditures.

The Masonic Temple Association of Winnipeg was organized for the purpose of erecting and operating a new Temple. It is of considerable interest to give a summary of the total membership of the Winnipeg Lodges at the time they were compelled to enter into heavy commitments and build a Men's House of their own. Taking the membership as at 27th December, 1895—the day the new building was dedicated to the purpose of Freemasonry, here is the summary:

Prince Rupert's Lodge	148
Ancient Landmark Lodge	179
St. John's Lodge	121
Northern Light Lodge	67
Ionic Lodge	93
	608

During the time of construction of the New Temple the Lodges were accommodated in the rooms occupied by the Scottish Rite bodies in the London and Canada Building, north east corner Main Street and Lombard Street. And now, it is the year 1935 and we reach the place where the Masons of Winnipeg have centred their activities for more than half a century.

The M.W. Grand Master, Charles N. Bell, presided at a Special Meeting of Grand Lodge held in the rooms of the A. & A.S. Rite of Freemasonry at 11 a.m., Thursday, 15th August, 1895. The purpose of the meeting was to lay the corner stone of the Masonic Temple being then erected at the corner of Donald Street and Ellice Avenue.

The President of the Masonic Temple Association of Winnipeg, V.W. Bro. Thomas W. Taylor, presented an address of welcome to the M.W. Grand Master.

The ceremony was opened with prayer offered by M.W. Bro. Rev. James D. O'Meara, acting Grand Chaplain. M.W. Bro. W. G. Bell, acting Grand Secretary, read a scroll before depositing it in a cavity in the corner stone. W. Bro. J. Obed Smith, Secretary of the Association, read another scroll which was deposited with the first. R.W. Bro. John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, placed the box in its place.

The architect of the building was Bro. George Browne; the contractors Messrs. Rourke & Cass.

The first Board of Directors of the Temple Association and the bodies represented by the several brethren was as follows:

Thomas W. Taylor, President........(St. John's Lodge)
J. Obed Smith, Secretary-Treasurer........(Winnipeg Lodge of Perfection)
W. G. Bell........................(Ancient Landmark Lodge)
John O'Laughlin....................(Northern Light Lodge)
J. J. White...(Ionic Lodge)
John Leslie........................(Prince Rupert's Chapter)
Chas. H. Enderton..............................(Signet Chapter)
James Haddock..............(Albert Edward Preceptory)
John W. Harris........(Bethesda Chapter Rose Croix)
Chas. N. Bell.............................(Manitoba Consistory)

It is interesting to describe the original lay-out of the building because during the years several reconstruction plans have brought about a much different floor plan to what existed when the contractors delivered the newly finished building over to the Association in December, 1895.

The main outside entrance of limestone remains today in its original setting. Entering the building, fifty years ago, to our left, we found the library which reached by a few steps down to the level of the lower floor. The vaults for the use of the Grand Secretary were reached from the library.

On the right of the hallway was the office of the Grand Secretary and a second office for the joint use of all the secretaries of the different lodges and bodies meeting in the Temple.

The banquet hall opened directly from the entrance hall and measured 28 x 63 feet. At the time it was considered "a spacious apartment and admirably adapted for the purpose."

At the rear of the banquet hall we found the caretaker's apartments, a kitchen and the boiler room.

On the first floor, upstairs, was found the Chapter and Preceptory room, 25 x 40 feet, and the Blue room, 35 x 73 feet. The clear space on the floor of the latter, not including the raised section along the walls nor the dais at the East, measured 30 x 62 feet.

The carpet, with several Masonic emblems in blue and gold was specially manufactured in England for the Blue room. An organ gallery, intended to house a pipe organ, was provided at the west end of the lodge room but such an instrument never found its place in the building.

The entire top floor was occupied by the Scottish Rite bodies.

When the building was completed and ready for occupancy the many ceremonial festivals were important events in the social and fraternal life of the City.

The opening of the building took place on 20th December, 1895, and the occasion was marked by what was termed "The Conversazione."

The press of that time reported this event as one of the most brilliant ever held in Winnipeg. The tickets for the function cost $3.00 which included the admission of a lady and a gentleman.

The proceedings opened at 8.15 p.m. and took the form first as a concert. At the conclusion of the programme the floor was cleared and more than 200 couples tripped the light fantastic.

Upstairs, card parties enjoyed their games in the Chapter room, while on the third floor, a smoking concert—apart from the main concert on the ground floor, was carried through in the Scottish Rite rooms.

This gala event concluded with the serving of refreshmets in the Banquet Hall.

One week later, on 27th December, 1895, the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. C. N. Bell, and his officers attended The Festival of St. John and conducted the impressive service of dedicating the Masonic Temple in accordance with Masonic custom. At this meeting, the District Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. J. J. White, assisted by R.W. Bro. Thos. Robinson and R.W. John Leslie, installed the officers of the five city Lodges who had been elected for the year 1896.

Still another social gathering was held on New Year's Day, 1st January, 1896. This was called "The Annual Reception"—and once again the newly erected Temple was a lively scene of activity. The reception commenced at 2 p.m. and from that hour until 6 p.m, a steady stream of visitors was announced.

On this occasion, the entire building was once more opened for inspection, the officers of the different lodges being present to receive in the different rooms. An impromptu programme of instrumental and vocal music was rendered in the Blue room. Refreshments were served in the Banquet room.

In the evening of the same day, 1st January, 1896, St. John's Lodge No. 4, held its Regular Meeting and it was largely attended. This was the first lodge meeting to be held in The Masonic Temple and the Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred on five candidates.

The initiates who had the honor of being the first to receive a Masonic degree in the building were Brothers John T. Speirs, Albert S. Lock, John J. Roberts, Charles E. Gale and William Ames.

It is difficult to realize the great multitude of initiates who have crossed the threshold of Freemasonry through the same doorway as did the five brethren who are named above. Their number is legion and they have traveled to the ends of the earth.

Thus we have told the story of the different buildings used by the Freemasons of Winnipeg since the Craft first reached Red River Settlement, eighty-two years ago.

The first Masonic meeting was held in a building within a few steps from the corner of Portage Avenue and Main Street. We have moved from place to place many times—twelve in all—yet on every occasion we have never gone very far from this busy street intersection.

Where our next Men's House will be built only time will tell.

As we plan our course for the future let us never lose sight of the fact that the Masonic Lodge is more than a convenient meeting place in which to conduct our business. Here human contacts are made. Here are the crossroads of a con- and advice. Don't fail to create a real House of Fellowship.

My concluding thought is another challenging passage from the pen of Dr. Joseph Fort Newton:

"Masonry is an international fraternity. Its members are prepared to travel in foreign countries and work and receive the wages of a Master Mason. Each is enjoined to be loyal to his own country, without hatred of other lands—knowing that other men love their countries as he loves his. In all the teaching of Masonry there is a recognition of the human race as a family, a brotherhood—a sense of the fact that the good of humanity as a whole does actually exist—and that is the one thing needed today. The world is perishing for lack of Brotherhood, and though we have the great ideal on our lips, it has not yet found its way into our hearts and hands."

WM. DOUGLAS,
Grand Historian.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, expressed the thanks of Grand Lodge to M.W. Bro. Douglas for his splendid report. Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REVISION

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through its committee on Constitution and Revision, reports as follows:

This Committee, which was created under the amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge passed at the last regular communication, is charged with the duty "To make a continuous study of the Constitution of Grand Lodge, and from time to time to recommend revision thereof, or amendments thereto, as the needs therefor may arise." To this end, consideration has been given to many problems and questions relating to the Constitution of Grand Lodge, and amendments have been drafted, and Notice of Motion respecting the same, has been given affecting Sections 59, 60, 69, 80, 81, 146, 200, 202, 206, 211, 218, 220, 221 and 222 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

Since all of the proposed amendments will appear in full elsewhere in the Proceedings of Grand Lodge, they are not repeated here.

Your Committee recommends the adoption of each of the amendments above referred to.

This Committee would be greatly assisted in its work if all well skilled brethren who have advice or assistance to offer for the improvement of the Constitution of Grand Lodge would communicate the same to the Grand Secretary, for the benefit of the Committee.

Fraternally yours,

BEN C. PARKER,
Chairman.

Presented by M.W. Bro. B. C. Parker (4), who moved that the report be adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson (102).

GREETINGS

The M.W. Grand Master called on M.W. Bro. Vernon Gates, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, to bring a word of greeting from his Grand Lodge, which he did, and also brought greetings from the Grand Masters' Association of North America which meets in Washington, D.C., this year.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION AND GRAND LODGE LIBRARY

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through its committee on Masonic Research and Education begs to report as follows:

Your committee has throughout the past masonic year steadily pursued the purpose indicated in the opening paragraph of the 1945 report, namely to stimulate masonic education in this Grand Jurisdiction and to assist and co-operate with constituent lodges and their members in widening their contacts with their fellow masons and their fellow men, in the spirit of ancient free and accepted masonry.

To that end we have extended the circulation of "Masonry in Manitoba," by arranging that it be mailed without cost to every member of the craft in this Grand Jurisdiction. That is now being done, having begun with the January, 1946, issue. Your committee has also in mind to provide paid journalistic service for the paper. The committee will, of course, retain editorial and managerial control, but it feels that the opportunities and possibilities that present themselves in this field require more exacting service than can be reasonably expected from the voluntary efforts upon which we have relied in the past. As to the quality of the publication itself, your committee makes no comment except this: that constructive criticism will be most heartily welcomed and given every consideration.

The idea of visiting degree teams has been steadily developed and has been taken up by the Past Masters' Association. The services of such teams, in either work, can be readily obtained by communicating with the Grand Secretary.

The transcripts of the three degrees are still in the course of preparation. They have been edited and re-edited, and after submission to the Custodians of the Work will shortly be available to the various lodges. The committee has received some helpful hints in this regard from various brethren and appreciate the interest thus shown.

The success of area meetings encouraged your committee to continue that activity, and with splendid results. Meetings were held in Dauphin, Brandon, and Morden, all of which were largely attended. The M.W. Grand Master eloquently addressed all three meetings and generally lent inspiration and encouragement to the proceedings. This project promises still better and more gratifying results and your committee has budgeted for a substantial amount for their continuation throughout the coming year. This is one service that Grand Lodge has been able to offer gratis to the members of the craft in this jurisdiction and so long as the brethren show their appreciation as they have, your committee will endeavour to continue that service.

The library continues to render splendid service. The acting Grand Librarian, M.W. Bro. Harry Woods, will present a detailed report. To him your committee again acknowledges its appreciation of a good work well done.

Your committee expresses its deep sorrow upon the death of the Grand Librarian, R.W. Bro. Somerset, and pays tribute to the great contribution that during his lifetime he made to the cause of freemasonry.

Your committee feels, that in the words of His Gracious Majesty King George VI, after V.J. Day, the hope of the world lies in "establishing the peace upon unshakable foundations, not only of material security but of moral authority." Freemasonry has within itself the forces that make for moral authority. To the end that these forces may be established not only within but without the craft the need for masonic education was never so great. By the activities above indicated your committee has endeavored to make masonic education a real factor in the growth and progress of masonry throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. D. LAWRENCE,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE ACTING GRAND LIBRARIAN

To M.W. Brother W. D. Lawrence, Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

In consequence of the death of our Grand Librarian, the late R.W. Brother C. E. Somerset, on August 9th, 1945, I was appointed to take over the duties of Acting Grand Librarian, from that date. I now present this report covering my activities for the Masonic Year 1945-46.

Thirty-two books have been added to the Library during the year by purchase, 71 have been donated during the same period. Grateful acknowledgment is hereby made to the Brethren and friends from whom they were received. All these additions have been entered in the Library Accession Book, and classified.

We have on the shelves of the Library 53 volumes of the Transactions of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge of Research, No. 2076 of London, England. Volume 53 brings the years of issue up to 1940, we have now received sufficient material to make up volumes 54 and 55, covering the years 1941 and 1942, these will be made up as soon as possible after the Grand Lodge Communication has gone by, we shall then have in magazine form, the first part of volume 56, covering the months January to June, 1943.

Owing to my appointment as Acting Grand Secretary, I have found it impossible to give the Library the attention it needs. Since the middle of last November my time has been fully taken up with the work in the Grand Secretary's office; however, this situation will come to an end with the election of a new Grand Secretary in June, and I expect to be able then, to give to the Library my undivided attention.

A list of the books and other literature distributed from the Library during the Masonic Year 1945-46, is given below.

Encyclopaedias, etc.	15
Societies, Transactions	0
History, Philosophy	93
Symbolism	101
Masonry and Citizenship	6
Rites, Degrees, Manuals	27
Biography	1
History Geographical Divisions	18
General Works	4
Ceremonies, etc.	11
Jewels, Medals, etc.	0
Jurisprudence, etc.	2
Art and Architecture	2
Short Talks and Essays	21
Addresses, Lectures	25
Poetry and Drama	4
Novels and Tales	64
Miscellaneous Masonry	1

Miscellaneous Non-Masonry	38
Proceedings	8
Magazines	7
	448

Fraternally submitted.

HARRY WOODS,
Acting Grand Librarian.

R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138) moved that the Report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education, including the Report on the Library, be received and adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. S. Burland (12). Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

It is part of our high privilege, as we meet in Annual Communication, to pause and remember those brethren who have been called to the Grand Lodge Above during the past year.

Reference has already been made to the great loss sustained by the Craft in the death of our late beloved Grand Secretary, Rt. Wor. Bro. J. H. G. Russell. We could enumerate many others who, like him, had distinguished themselves as genuine and devoted Freemasons, and, in equal measure, as citizens. Then there were those who, while very young in Freemasonry, gave all they had, including life itself, in order that we might still have the right to meet in peace and practice our noble art. We remember with gratitude also many brethren who may have been little known outside their own Lodge and District, but there they loved and served, and were loved in return. Of all our departed friends it may be said, with truth and justice, that they were men of good report.

We miss them deeply yet we should not grieve for them.

I never stand above a bier and see
The seal of death set on some well-loved face
But that I think: "One more to welcome me,
When I shall cross the intervening space
Between this land and that one over there.
One more to make the strange beyond seem fair."

And so for me there is no sting in death,
And so the grave has lost its victory.
It is but crossing—with abated breath
And white, set face—a little strip of sea,
To find the loved one waiting on the shore
More beautiful, more precious than before.

The transition which has taken place may separate us for the time being but it does not mean that life for them has ceased. To understand the teaching of Freemasonry aright is to believe that death is but a way station on the road; it is preparation for the more abundant life. It means changing our working tools to attack new tasks. Changing our bodies to inhabit new worlds. It is the spirit, not the body, which is timeless. In that spiritual realm there is no night; the sun is always at its meridian.

When the soul understands with deep conviction, that there is a spiritual order, wise, holy and just, and that the Divine Will must prevail, then there can be no despair because ever afterwards there must be the happy realization that spiritual growth is inevitable and that which men call death is but the opening of gates into untold blessedness.

The lesson for those of us who remain is that life is the big opportunity. Every good gift that we have received from the G.A.O.T.U. including our mental and physical equipment, the world in which we dwell, its tasks and its responsibilities, do not mean: "Prepare to die." Nay, they proclaim the eternal command: "Make ready to live."

As we do honor to the memory of our departed brethren, let us resolve so to live that men may see our good works and glorify the Most High Then we may be sure that our lives and our accomplishments will influence the deliberations of this Grand Lodge long after we have been numbered amongst her fraternal dead.

Fraternally submitted,
J. J. HENDERSON,
Chairman,

Presented by M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson (102) who moved that the Report be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro., G. A. McMorran, (27). Carried.

The M.W. Grand Master called on M.W. Bro. Rilie R. Morgan, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, to bring a word from his Grand Lodge, and the brethren had the pleasure of listening to sincere greeting from the Freemasons of North Dakota, for which the M.W. Grand Master thanked him.

M.W. Bro. Pilkey then bade farewell to M.W. Bro. T. N. Engdahl who had been a very interested and enthusiastic visitor. M.W. Bro. Engdahl is the Immediate Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Committee on the Grand Master's address appointed by the Board of General Purposes, beg to report as follows:

The Grand Master, although engaged in a vocation which affords little leisure, has been able in the past year to give a great deal of time to his work as Grand Master of this Grand Lodge. To do so has meant the giving up of all his leisure time and much of the time really required for sleep. He has answered every call made upon him and has throughout the year given unstintingly of his great talent and wisdom to matters great and small in the interest of the craft. We trust that his health has not been impaired by his great effort.

We mourn with him the passing of our beloved Grand Secretary, the Right Worshipful Brother J. H. G. Russell, whose greatest monument will be the esteem in which his memory will be held by his Masonic Brethren in many jurisdictions. We commend the Grand Master for the prompt action he took to have the work of the Grand Secretary's office put and maintained in good order, notwithstanding the sudden illness and later demise of the Grand Secretary. We recommend that all the acts done or authorized by the Grand Master in that connection be approved. We join with him in his generous expression of thanks and appreciation to Most Worshipful Brother Harry Woods and to the other Brethren who so ably and willingly stepped into the breach and carried on with the Grand Lodge's business.

We commend the visitations made by the Grand Master to our Sister Grand Jurisdictions and note that on each occasion he was called upon to address different departments of Masonic work as well as the Grand Lodges. We congratulate him on the honour of being elected as a Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alberta.

His personal attendances at all 11 district meetings and at all 3 regional meetings in the jurisdiction is commended. At such meetings the Brethren from various Lodges come to iron out difficulties and the presence of the Grand Master is of great value. In addition to this, he made no less than 70 visits to Craft Lodges, Masonic Divine Services, Anniversaries, and special occasions. Truly a very great record of service and deserving of much praise and commendation.

We commend the action of the Grand Master taken prior to the Christmas season on behalf of the Benevolent Fund which resulted in that fund being increased by $3,147.08.

We uphold the hand of the Grand Master in his correcting errors made by Lodges and Brethren where they misinterpret or fail to observe the provisions of the Constitution, and in his "healing" where he deemed it wise. His suggestion that the incoming Board give its consideration to the improvement of forms for reports to the Grand Secretary's office is approved, as is his admonitions to lodge secretaries. His suggestion that the out of town Board members might be paid their out of pocket expenses while attending Board meetings we would refer to the Board of General Purposes.

The Grand Master's address invariably reflects the individuality and personality of the author. Here we find disclosed the work of a lifetime, for most of us, crowded into one short year. He has taken little time for anything save for that great work in which he has by his dynamic power carried Freemasonry so far and which he describes as the "Biggest and most important work on Earth," The Building of Good Men.

In conclusion, we recommend to the Grand Lodge the endorsation of all the official acts of the Grand Master performed during his term of office. We congratulate him on his year's work of fruitful activity and outstanding accomplishment.

Respectfully submitted,

STANLEY H. FAHRNI,
Chairman.

Presented by M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson (102), who moved that the report be adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. B. C. Parker (4). Carried

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

Your committee on the Acting Grand Secretary's Report wish to commend and congratulate the Acting Grand Secretary on his Report. He very modestly does not mention the fact that he was called upon, with very little warning, to assume a task of quite considerable importance. And we think the brethren should recognize that the illness of the late Grand Secretary, and the subsequent illness of his very able assistant, permitted a considerable amount of detail work to accumulate. This the Acting Grand Secretary, with the assistance of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, was called upon to undertake in addition to the regular work of the office.

The Report in a general way follows those of recent years, indicating that the tasks of preparing and mailing the Proceedings of the 1945 Annual Communication, certificates to Grand Lodge Officers and new members, etc., were completed as usual.

The half-yearly returns from the secretaries of constituent lodges were, we note, duly received. The words "duly received" might be taken to indicate that some of these returns were not received quite as promptly as they might have been. But we have reason to believe that there has been considerable improvement in the reception of these returns and that the reports of very few lodges are now unduly late.

It is interesting to note that the membership in this Grand Jurisdiction is again well over the eleven thousand mark, the net gain for the year 1945 being five hundred and eleven.

Another highlight of the report is the number of degrees conferred during the year—a total of 1,965 upon 886 new members. And once again a large number of courtesy degrees were conferred for this Grand Jurisdiction. The lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction have in turn conferred quite a number for lodges elsewhere. These courtesy degrees, we feel, are a happy exchange of work on the part of all lodges concerned; but it should be remembered that the arrangements for such must all pass through the Grand Secretary's office and entails considerable correspondence. This we feel was undertaken in the full knowledge that in doing so a splendid service was being rendered the craft in general.

Although the report shows a splendid increase in total membership, we note with a certain amount of apprehension the fact that 21 lodges out of a total of 103 show a stationary or actual loss in membership during the year. This is somewhat surprising when so many lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction have reported a decided increase in Masonic interest and a consequent increase in applications.

Your committee notes with satisfaction and approval the report that Mound Lodge No. 118 has purchased a piece of property with the intention of erecting a new Masonic Temple. It is our opinion that nothing stimulates interest in Masonry more than the ownership of a comfortable home, and we wish to further congratulate the brethren of Pilot Mound on their action.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, we note, has been called upon to appoint a number of Grand Representatives near other Grand Jurisdictions, and to approve the appointment of a number near this Grand Jurisdiction. The appointments all appear to be happy ones, and we extend congratulations.

In closing we wish to express the appreciation, not only of the members of this committee, but we think of all the members of this Grand Jurisdiction, for the efficient and courteous way in which the Acting Grand Secretary has discharged his duties since his appointment by the M.W. Grand Master.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. A. McMORRAN,
Chairman.

Presented by R.W. Bro. G. A. McMorran (27), who moved that the report be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. O. S. Ross (43).

GREETINGS

M.W. Bro. S. Burland moved, seconded by R.W. Bro. G. E. Keyes, that a suitable message be sent to M.W. Bro. W. F. Holman, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, expressing the good wishes of the members of this Grand Lodge and their hope for a complete recovery from his recent serious illness.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey called on W. Bro. Neil R. Fitch, to say a few words as the personal reprsentative of the M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Idaho.

The Grand Master thanked W. Bro. Fitch for his kind expressions of friendship and said how much pleasure it gave the Grand Lodge to have one of their Grand Representatives near another Grand Jurisdiction in attendance.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through its Committee on Benevolence begs to report as follows:

At the commencement of the present Masonic year, your Committee had thirty-one cases in which grants from the Beneficiary Fund were being made.

During the year, death claimed four of these Beneficiaries, and one reported as being in receipt of the Old Age Pension, and therefore not in need of any further assistance from the Beneficiary Fund, reducing the number of Beneficiaries to twenty-six. Four new cases were added during the year, raising the total to thirty as at the 31st of last March.

In the month of December, 1941, it was decided to send a cheque for $5.00 to everyone in receipt of a grant from the Committee, as a Christmas Gift. This practice has been continued every year since that time, and the sincerity of the appreciation of this small extra grant, as shown by letters received, has been very gratifying to the Committee.

The appeal sent out to the Constituent Lodges on behalf of the Benevolent Fund, last Fall, by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Pilkey, met with a very fine response. A list of the Lodges which contributed, showing the amounts sent in, is given below:

Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1	$ 100.00
Lisgar Lodge No. 2	60.00
Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3	100.00
St. John's Lodge No. 4	50.00
Emerson Lodge No. 6	63.43
King Solomon Lodge No. 8	25.00
Gladstone Lodge No. 11	5.15
Stonewall Lodge No. 12	60.00
Morden Lodge No. 13	35.00
Corinthian Lodge No. 15	25.00

Neepawa Lodge No. 24	400.00
Ionic Lodge No. 25	200.00
Manitou Lodge No. 30	10.00
Doric Lodge No. 36	25.00
Birtle Lodge No. 39	25.00
Oak Lake Lodge No. 44	10.00
Glenboro Lodge No. 48	25.00
Hartney Lodge No. 52	19.00
Oriental Lodge No. 54	25.00
Russell Lodge No. 62	50.00
Composite Lodge No. 64	25.00
Wawanesa Lodge No. 67	25.00
Vermillion Lodge No. 68	97.60
Crystal Lodge No. 71	59.00
Elkhorn Lodge No. 74	5.00
Napinka Lodge No. 77	25.00
Hamiota Lodge No. 84	25.00
Elgin Lodge No. 86	50.00
Hiram Lodge No 94	10.00
Robbie Burns Lodge No. 100	60.00
Binscarth Lodge No. 101	25.00
Crescent Lodge No. 103	100.00
Reston Lodge No. 104	300.00
Strathclair Lodge No. 106	100.00
Lansdowne Lodge No. 107	37.00
Kilwinning Lodge No. 110	35.00
Ophir Lodge No. 112	10.00
Tweed Lodge No. 113 (Bond)	100.00
Tweed Lodge No. 113	100.00
St. Andrew's Lodge No. 116	10.00
Strathcona Lodge No. 117	25.00
Norwood Lodge No. 119	10.00
Penza Lodge No. 120	15.00
Roblin Lodge No. 122	25.00
The Pas Lodge No. 124	84.50
Kildonan Lodge No. 131	100.00
Sprague Lodge No. 132	5.00
McCreary Lodge No. 133	15.00
Stony Mountain Lodge No. 134	10.00
Meridian Lodge No. 140	50.00
Harmony Lodge No. 142	25.00
Mt. Sinai Lodge No. 143	27.00
Fort Osborne Lodge No. 144	25.00
Sturgeon Creek Lodge No. 145	50.00
Fidelity Lodge No. 146	25.00
Jubilee Lodge No. 147	10.00
Foxwarren Lodge No. 152	10.00
Flin Flon Lodge No. 153	100.00
Carman Lodge No. 155	16.40
Manitouwapa Lodge No. 156	50.00

INDIVIDUAL BRETHREN

Brother T. Gibson Lodge No. 4	5.00
Brother C. J. Long Lodge No. 6	10.00
Brother G. J. E. Shnier Lodge No. 6	5.00
Brother H. B. Wallace Lodge No. 6	5.00
Brother D. Smith Lodge No. 111	3.00
Brother N. Rothstein Lodge No. 141	25.00
Brother B. Morrison Lodge No. 153	5.00
	$3,247.08

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN T. BOYD,
Chairman.

Presented by M. W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni (11), who moved that the report be adopted, seconded by V.W. Bro. J. Bruce Day (122). Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Finance, begs to submit the following report:

Your Committee on Finance, according to the Constitution, Article 75, clause (g), have given careful supervision to all matters relating to the General Fund of Grand Lodge. Your Committee met regularly each month to examine and approve the payment of all accounts billed through the Grand Secretary.

The financial statement of Income and Expenditures follows:

Income: Actual . . $18,118.89 Budgeted . . . $16,570.00
$1,548.89 more than anticipated.

Expenditures: Actual . $13,957.02 Budgeted . $15,240.00
$1,282.98 less than amount budgeted.

The net income for the year is $4,161.87—$395.74 less than the year previous, notwithstanding the substantial increase in income over the previous year made possible by the $1.50 per annum per capita tax.

In our report for the year ending March 13, 1945, we placed before your Board the need for additional revenue if the various committees were to extend their activities. It was due to the increase in revenue realized during the year that the Committee on Research and Education and the Committee on Condition of Freemasonry were able to carry out their programs which, in no small measure, reacted in the interests of Freemasonry throughout the Province of Manitoba.

Your Committee wish to record in our report the passing of the Grand Secretary, Rt. Worshipful Bro. J. H. G. Russell, who at all times, rendered able assistance and advice.

We also wish to thank the Acting Grand Secretary, Most Worshipful Bro. Harry Woods, for his help and the efficient manner in which he has acted as the secretary of your Finance Committee.

In preparing our Budget for 1947 your Committee has included two items which, in our opinion, are necessary and could not be considered in the past due to lack of funds. There is an amount of $400.00 for the repairing and partial replacing of Grand Lodge Regalia, and $515.00 for furniture for Grand Lodge Board Room.

Statement of approximate income and expenditures for year ending March 31, 1947, is herewith submitted for your consideration.

H. CODDINGTON,
Chairman.

Presented by R.W. Bro. H. A. Innes (3), who moved that the report be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. L. C. Welsh (125). Carried.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1946-47

Income	
Dues	$15,000.00
Initiations	1,500.00
M.M. Certificates	1,000.00
P.M. Certificates	70.00
L.M. Certificates	60.00
Dispensations	40.00
Cash sales, supplies, etc.	400.00
	$18,070.00
Expenditures	
Salaries	$ 5,500.00
Rent	800.00
Postage and Stamp Tax	350.00

Stationery and Office Supplies	350.00
Supplies	350.00
Regalia, G.M.	275.00
Expense, G.M.	800.00
P.M. Certificates	50.00
M.M. Certificates	100.00
Com. on Condition of Freemasonry	500.00
Area Meetings—Research and Education	500.00
Library Maintenance	1,600.00
Jewel, P.G.M. and Case	60.00
Unemployment Insurance	35.00
Exchange	35.00
Masonic Paper	1,800.00
Telephones and Telegrams	125.00
Travelling and Banff Conference	800.00
Warning Circulars	45.00
Miscellaneous	300.00
Insurance	100.00
Grand Lodge Proceedings	750.00
Grand Lodge Communication	900.00
Auditors	150.00
Flowers and Christmas Cards	125.00
Grand Lodge Regalia—Refurbishing	400.00
Furniture for G.L. Board Room	515.00
	$17,315.00

REPORT OF SPECIAL WAR EFFORT COMMITTEE

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through the Special War Effort Committee, submits the following report:

The War Effort Fund's registration under the War Charities Act has been renewed for a period of 12 months from January 27th, 1946.

The Fund has to its credit the sum of $11,559.72, as shown by the financial statement filed with the Registrar appointed under the said Act.

During the year just passed, no disbursements have been made from the Fund.

Following the wise counsel of the United Grand Lodge of England, it was felt that the proper course to follow was to wait until civil conditions in Continental Europe and elsewhere became more stable before attempting to assist in the re-establishment of lodges.

Our Grand Lodge is not in fraternal communication with the Grand Lodge of France or that of Belgium. In both of these countries Masonry in the form recognized by them is again active and no help would in any case be required of us there.

In Holland there does not yet appear to be any recognizable effort towards re-organization.

In the occupied countries the situation is so obscure that until civil authority is established and the attitude of governments to the Masonic fraternity is known, it is believed that to attempt to aid in their re-establishment might work an injury to our brethren there, rather than be of help to them.

In several countries the influence of Soviet Russia is so strong that the grave possibility remains that Masonry will still be proscribed.

The Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England in a letter to Most Worshipful Brother Norman J. Black, states a position in which your Committee concurs. He says in part:

"There are few countries where conditions are sufficiently permanent for the future official attitude towards Freemasonry to be known. It would be, to say the least, unfortunate for the Craft to recommence working if shortly afterwards it was prohibited, or worked under disfavour. We feel, too, that we must be ensured that it is under the leadership of men who are trusted in the country, irrespective of the views they may hold on other matters."

We should then proceed cautiously until we can be sure that our help will be of lasting good.

We are informed that our gift to the brethren of Malta has been used to purchase Master and Wardens Chairs for their two Temples, and that each of these six chairs has affixed to it a plate with the inscription—

"Gift of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba."

The letter from Sir M. H. Maxwale-Anderson, O.B.E., K.C., giving the above information, concludes as follows:

"I hope the above will meet with the approval of your Grand Lodge, as it will be a perpetual reminder to our brethren of your generosity and sympathy.

"Please convey to the Grand Master and Grand Lodge the cordial fraternal greetings of myself and all the brethren in Malta."

We rejoice with our brethren of Malta that despite the ravages of war, they have kept burning the Masonic light. We hope that other devastated areas may soon see the gleam and that we may help to bring it to full brilliance.

Fraternally submitted,

BEN. C. PARKER,
Chairman.

Presented by M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker (4), who moved that the report be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (113). Carried.

January 29th, 1946,
Villa Blye, Pawla, Malta, G.G.

J. H. G. Russell,
Grand Secretary, G.R.M.
Winnipeg, Man.

Dear Sir and Brother:

With reference to your Grand Lodge's donation of £200 towards the rebuilding of our Temple here. The wish expressed that the donation should be used for some purpose with with which your Grand Lodge could be associated—I now write to inform you that during a recent visit to the United Kingdom, I was able to purchase Master and Wardens Chairs for the two Temples, one set over 150 years old. Each of these chairs (six in number) has affixed a small plate with the inscription, "Gift of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba."

I hope that the above will meet with the approval of your Grand Lodge as it will be a perpetual reminder to our brethren of your generosity and sympathy.

Please convey to the Grand Master and Grand Lodge the cordial fraternal greetings of myself and all the brethren in Malta and believe me,

Yours very sincerely,
M. H. MAXWALE-ANDERSON,
Hon. Grand Warden, Hon. Deputy Grand Z. (Scotland).

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

The following Notices of Motion were brought up at this point.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Section 132, Sub-section "a":

That sub-section "a" of Section 132 be amended by adding, after the words "Grand Master" in the last line thereof, the following:

> "The Deputy Grand Master, the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, and the Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry."

Sub-section "a" of Section 132 would then read as follows:

> "To issue, under the direction of the Master, the summons for each meeting. It shall be prepared under the direction of the Master, and shall contain a summary of the business that is to come before the meeting. Notices of Motion must be set forth in full. The summons shall be sent to all members of the Lodge, the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, the District Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and the Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry, in sealed enclosures."

This motion was presented by R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (113), seconded by R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138) and was carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Sections 59, 60, 200, 202, 206:

Section 59:

That the first paragraph of Section 59 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

> "The Board shall have jurisdiction in all charges against a Lodge, a Master or a member of a Lodge."

Section 59 would then read as follows:

> "The Board shall have jurisdiction in all charges against a Lodge, a Master or a member of a Lodge. The Board shall have power to enforce its judgment. If this action shall have necessitated the arresting of the Charter or Dispensation of a Lodge, the Board shall report all the circumstances to Grand Lodge."

Sections 60, 200, 202, 206, 220, 222:

That the above sections be amended by deleting the words "Master Mason" wherever the said words appear in the said sections, and by substituting therefor the words "member of a Lodge."

The above motions were presented by M.W. Bro. B. C. Parker (4), seconded by R.W. Bro. F. N. Baxter (93), and carried.

Section 211 and 218:

Section 211:

That Section 211 be amended by deleting the word "shall" where the same appears in the last sentence of the said section and by substituting therefor the word "may."
Section 211 would then read as follows:

> "If the accuser fails to appear at the time and place of hearing, and furnishes no satisfactory reason for his absence, the hearing may be proceeded with or may be dismissed as the Commission may determine. If the accused fails to appear, the Commission may proceed in his absence and the hearing may be conducted to a final issue. In that event, the Commission may appoint a Master Mason to act for the accused as counsel or representative."

Section 218:

That section 218 be amended by adding to the first sentence thereof the following words:

> "Which report may include such recommendations, if any, as the Commission may deem proper."

Section 218 would then read as follows:

> "The Commission shall not give judgment, but shall make a report to the Board, which report may include such recommendations, if any, as the Commission may deem proper. After the Board has considered the report, it shall give judgment, and in the case of a Master or member of a lodge decide punishment. The votes of the majority of the members present shall decide the issue."

Section 211 was presented by M.W. Bro. B. C. Parker (4), seconded by R.W. Bro. F. N. Baxter (93) and carried.

Section 218 was presented by M.W. Bro. B. C. Parker (4), seconded by W. Bro. H. J. Harrod (1), and carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Section 146:

That Section 146 be struck out and the following substituted therefor:

> "At any time before the report of the Committees of Inquiry has been presented to and received by the Lodge at a regular meeting, the Master may at the request of the Petitioner or of the Brethren who sponsored him, order the Petition to be returned. A notation of the return of the Petition shall be made in the Minutes."

Having obtained permission of R.W. Bro. Kennedy (4), who drew up the above motion, M.W. Bro. B. C. Parker (4), asked the Grand Master's permission to withdraw this Notice of Motion.

The M.W. Grand Master assented, and it was put to the members present at Grand Lodge, who agreed unanimously to the withdrawal of this amendment to Section 146 of the Constitution.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Section 69:

That Section 69 be amended by deleting the word "real" where the same appears immediately before the word "property" in the first line thereof; by inserting the words "pledge, hypothecate," immediately following the word "mortgage" in the third line of the said section; and by adding to the said section the following: "The Board shall prescribe the mode in which payments shall be made out of the funds of Grand Lodge, and shall have power to authorize any expenditures it may deem necessary for the administration of the affairs of Grand Lodge."

This motion was presented by M.W. Bro. B. C. Parker (4), seconded by R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70), and carried.

Sections 80 and 81 Sub-section "d":

Section 80:

That Section 80 be amended by deleting the word "shall" where the same appears immediately preceeding the word "countersign" in the first line of the said section, and by substituting therefor the word "may;" and by deleting the word "all" immediately preceding the word "cheques" as appearing in the said first line of the said section.

Section 80 would then read as follows:

> "The Grand Treasurer may countersign cheques issued on the order of any Committee authorized by this Constitution to disburse Grand Lodge Funds. He shall have the custody of the bond furnished by the Grand Secretary. He shall be a member, ex-officio, of the Investment Committee."

Section 81 Sub-section "d":

That sub-section "d" of Section 81 be amended by deleting the words "and sign" immediately preceding the word "cheques" in the first line of the sub-section.

Sub-section "d" of Section 81 would then read as follows:

> "To issue cheques on the bank account of Grand Lodge, on warrants from the Chairman of any Committee of the Board authorized to disburse the funds of Grand Lodge."

Section 80 was presented by M.W. Bro. B. C. Parker (4), seconded by W. Bro. R. T. Bell (25), and carried.

Section 81 sub-section "d" was presented by M.W. Bro. B.C. Parker (4), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. D. Harrower (67) and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment at 5.00 p.m. by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Dr. P. T. Pilkey, to reconvene at 8.00 o'clock in the evening for the closing Session.

Thursday, June 7th, 1945

Evening Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters and Distinguished Guests entered the Lodge room, the Brethren singing the processional hymn "My Own Dear Land."

Most Worshipful Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey, called Grand Lodge from Refreshment to Labor at 8.00 p.m. with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

At this point, the Shrine Chanters rendered some very fine selections, and were thanked by the M.W. Grand Master for their delightful entertainment.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report as follows:

There are 103 Chartered Lodges on the Grand Lodge Register, 83 Lodges are represented by one or more of their three principal Officers, and 19 are unrepresented namely:

Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14
Brandon Lodge No. 19
Birtle Lodge No. 39
Deloraine Lodge No. 40
Killarney Lodge No. 50
Treherne Lodge No. 51
Russell Lodge No. 62
Crystal Lodge No. 71
Elkhorn Lodge No. 74
Gothic Lodge No. 75
Rathwell Lodge No. 87
Shoal Lake Lodge No. 92
Rivers Lodge No. 115
Favel Lodge No. 126
Victory Lodge No. 128
Harmony Lodge No. 142
Jubilee Lodge No. 147
Cartwright Lodge No. 150
Foxwarren Lodge No. 152

Ninety-one Lodges have one or more Past Masters present, and 7 have neither Past Master nor Officer present, namely:

Birtle Lodge No. 39
Russell Lodge No. 62
Elkhorn Lodge No. 74
Foxwarren Lodge No. 152
Victory Lodge No. 128
Harmony Lodge No. 142
Jubilee Lodge No. 147

There were present:		
Past Masters	511	
Worshipful Masters	63	
Senior Wardens	54	
Junior Wardens	39	
		667
Registered:		
Master Masons		124
Visitors		18
Total		809

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH MACKENZIE,
Chairman.

Presented by W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93), who moved that the Report be adopted, seconded by W. Bro. O. W. Couch (109). Carried.

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Total Vote
1	Prince Rupert's	1	1	1	19	22
2	Lisgar			1	3	4
3	Ancient Landmark	1		1	12	14
4	St. John's	1	1	1	21	24
6	Emerson	1	1		6	8
7	Assiniboine	1		1	9	11
8	King Solomon	1	1	1	3	6
10	Northern Light	1	1	1	11	14
11	Gladstone	1	1		5	7
12	Stonewall	1	1	1	15	18
13	Morden			1	7	8
14	Prince of Wales				1	1
15	Corinthian	1				1
19	Brandon				3	3
24	Neepawa	1			6	7
25	Ionic			1	19	20
27	Glenwood	1			3	4
29	Carberry	1			5	6
30	Manitou	1	1	1	2	5
36	Doric	1			1	2
39	Birtle					
40	Deloraine				5	5
43	Lebanon	1	1	1	3	6
44	Oak Lake		1		1	2
48	Glenboro	1		1	1	3
49	Temple	1	1		9	11
50	Killarney				1	1
51	Treherne				3	3
52	Hartney	1			4	5
54	Oriental		1		4	5
55	East Star	1			2	3
62	Russell					
63	Holland	1	1		2	4
64	Composite			1	4	5
67	Wawanesa	1	1	1	4	7
68	Vermillion	1	1		1	3
70	Shiloh	1	1		8	10
71	Crystal				3	3
74	Elkhorn					
75	Gothic				3	3
77	Napinka	1			3	4
82	Cypress		1		4	5
84	Hamiota	1			2	3
86	Elgin	1	1		1	3
87	Rathwell				4	4
90	Midlothian	1	1		5	7
92	Shoal Lake				2	2
93	King Edward	1	1	1	11	14
94	Hiram		1		4	5
100	Robbie Burns	1		1		2
101	Binscarth	1				1
102	Miniota	1		1	3	5

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Total Vote
103	Crescent	1	1	1	3	6
104	Reston	1			3	4
105	Prince Arthur		1			1
106	Strathclair	1	1		2	4
107	Lansdowne		1		2	3
108	Union	1			4	5
109	Swan Lake	1	1		1	3
110	Kilwinning			1	2	3
111	Acacia	1	1	1	8	11
112	Ophir	1			1	2
113	Tweed		1	1	6	8
114	"The Assiniboine"	1	1	1	14	17
115	Rivers				1	1
116	St. Andrew's		1		5	6
117	Strathcona	1			5	6
118	Mound	1	1		1	3
119	Norwood	1	1	1	13	16
120	Penza	1	1	1	6	9
121	St. James		1	1	9	11
122	Roblin		1		6	7
123	Transcona	1		1	8	10
124	The Pas	1			1	2
125	Patricia	1			7	8
126	Favel				2	2
127	Empire	1	1	1	9	12
128	Victory					
130	Fort Garry	1	1	1	13	16
131	Kildonan	1	1		11	13
132	Sprague		1			1
133	McCreary		1	1	1	3
134	Stony Mountain		1		6	7
136	Capitol	1	1	1	11	14
137	Lord Selkirk	1	1		7	9
138	Windsor	1	1	1	12	15
139	Beaver	1			6	7
140	Meridian	1	1	1	11	14
141	Tuscan	1	1	1	10	13
142	Harmony					
143	Mt. Sinai	1	1	1	16	19
144	Fort Osborne	1	1	1	4	7
145	Sturgeon Creek	1		1	6	8
146	Fidelity		1		6	7
147	Jubilee					
148	Seven Oaks	1	1		7	9
150	Cartwright				1	1
151	The Dormer	1	1	1	7	10
152	Foxwarren					
153	Flin Flon	1			1	2
154	Pine Falls		1		4	5
155	Carman	1	1	1	4	7
156	Manitouwapa		1		1	2
	Totals	63	54	39	511	667

The Grand Master called the attention of the brethren to the absence of their friend R.W. Bro. T. A. "Alf" Argue who was lying very seriously ill in the General Hospital and he asked Grand Lodge to stand for a moment in silent prayer for his safe guidance into the Grand Lodge above.

GRAND CHAPLAIN'S ADDRESS ON "BUILDING A NATION"

To The Most Worshipful The Grand Master, Officers and Members Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

"In the beginning God." So begins the Volume of The Sacred Law, and so begins the history of the Dominion of Canada. Through the mists of the past ages we catch a glance of the G.A.O.U. working through countless milleniums.

The geologist opens up for us a panorama of creation.

First, there was that far off day of fire when the molten rocks were cooling, and in their substance, the Almighty was storing away the treasures of the everlasting hills, gold, silver, copper, and iron.

Next, came the days when a part of this continent was a warm land, and over wide areas there were tropical swamps, with giant ferns and foliage, drinking in the sunshine of forgotten ages, then falling to the earth as autumn leaves, were pressed into peat, and by later formations into coal.

Next came the glacier period when boulders of ice became God's plowmen, breaking down the mountains and scattering the soil.

The ice melted, the sun shone, the flowers bloomed, till a rich land lay waiting the Creator's appointed hour.

For a land prepared and reserved through the ages, the purpose of God must be a nation that will use such treasures to the glory of God, and the advancement of His Kingdom.

Centuries rolled by, until men of faith and daring set out to find freedom from the oppression and narrow confines of the old world; urged forward by an inner voice, which they interpreted as the voice of God, landed upon these shores, and from the virgin forests began to chisel out a home for themselves and the generations to follow.

The road which they had to travel was beset by perils. The old habits and tyrannies of the old world followed them to the new.

Among these early colonists were craftsmen who waged eternal warfare against the ancient enmities, and inhumanities of the world. They gave themselves to the cause of humane and brave living, and laboured unsparingly to be worthy of their generation. There is no more glorious page in the history of Freemasonry on this continent, than that which tells of the struggles of these early Masons to put into the constitution of the nation the purposes, and ideals, which they cherished in their hearts, and practised in their daily lives.

Succeeding generations have seen the rise of a nation from a mere handful of starving Englishmen in Virginia, to a people of over 130,000,000.

It was not until the closing years of the 18th century that Canada had her appointment with destiny. Slowly the pioneers came, hewed down the forests, laid the foundation of homes, and law, and righteousness, secured for themselves and their successors, religious liberty and responsible government, and later bound its scattered provinces into the Dominion of Canada.

The mere physical tasks accomplished were stupendous. In the building of railways, the development of industries, and natural resources, new implements of science hastened our pace.

The rewards of industry were enormous. In our haste to get a share of the spoils, we began to discard much that we had started to build in the earlier years. Institutions which exalted the vision of the people above and beyond the market place were neglected. We began to narrow our vision to the material needs of the hour.

Encouraged by the new inventions of science, business, money-making, and material progress, took on the aspects of moral reform. Size and statistics of material progress came to be more important in our eyes than quality, and spiritual values. In their efforts to make a living men forget how to live, and a disasterous depression was the result. Food stuffs, too cheap to market, were burned or destroyed, while millions suffered from want and hunger.

We had almost climbed out of this depression when we were plunged into the horrors of World War 2. All our resources in man-power and material were united for one purpose—victory.

In that struggle Canada rose to the full height of her powers, taking her stand, side by side with other freedom loving nations, in the defence of liberty.

The late Benito Mussolini, after Freemasonry, Labour organizations, and other democratic institutions had been suppressed, said in a speech delivered in December, 1930.

''The dream has vanished, now we have buried the putrid corpse of liberty.''

For a time it seemed as though his words were true as the vast mechanized armies swept over Europe, and the quiet countryside became drenched in innocent blood.

The day eventually came when liberty arose in triumph from the tomb, and the "putrid corpse" of him who had defied liberty could not find a resting place, even in a Potter's Field.

"Dreamer of Dreams, we take the taunt with gladness,
Knowing that God beyond the years we see
Hath wrought the dreams that count with men for madness
Into the fabric of the world to be."

Canada is strategically situated between the old world and the new, her eastern ports nearer Europe, her western nearer Asia. With the awakening of the Orient, the Pacific Ocean will become what the Atlantic Ocean has been since the discovery of America—the great highway of commerce. In that unfolding drama of the future we are destined to play a leading role.

With the help of our brave Allies, victory has been achieved, but the peace has not yet been won. The downtrodden of countless nations view with hope that widening streak of light, which heralds the dawn of a new day.

We are now at the opening of a new era in social reconstruction, and national development. The question is not whether we will grow, but how. Freedom carries no guarantee of progress.

The dream which brought the Pilgrim Fathers to this continent was not a dream of motor cars, refrigerators, and high wages merely, but of a social order in which each person shall be able to attain to the fullest stature of which they are capable, and be recognized by others for what they are worth. That dream was endangered when we came to insist upon business and money-making as a goal in themselves. If we are to make the dream come true, we must all work together, no longer to build bigger, but to build better; to place emphasis upon quality rather than quantity.

"Heaven is not reached at a single bound;
But we build the ladder by which we rise
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies
And we mount to its summit round by round."

We have a long and arduous road to travel if we are to realize our dream in the life of our nation, but if we fail there is nothing left but chaos. ''The alternative is the failure of self government, the failure of the common man to rise to full stature, the failure of all that the dream has held of hope and promise for a ''brotherhood of man.''

Our leaders are divided as to what constitutes the most pressing need of today. Some assert that we must first of all build up our industries, develop our natural resources, and feed the hungry nations of Europe (with an eye to future world markets) while others stress the need of building homes.

War veterans are compelled by circumstances to live in unsanitary tenements, vacant stores, box cars, and hovels.

The need everywhere is great but we must take heed how, and where, we build. We have not completely lost the element of bigness, or belief in the superiority of numbers. Hundreds of so-called temporary homes have been built without proper foundations. Nobody sees a foundation. Why waste time on something that nobody sees? If people don't see it you can't advertise it, and in this day and age, if a thing can't be advertised, what use is it? We act as though the things that count are the things that can be counted. According to a great teacher, the things that counted most were the things you could not count.

As Freemasons, we share the growing consciousness, which is everywhere apparent, that national prosperity depends on the character, stability, freedom, and efficiency, of the human resources of a nation rather than on the amount of its exports, or the gold to its credit.

At the end of World War 1 Premier Lloyd George expressed words which are prophetic of our needs at the end of World War 2. "We shall need at the end of the war, better workshops, better industries, better wages, but we shall also need more than ever, every institution that will exalt the vision of the people above and beyond the workshop, and the counting house. We shall need every national tradition that will remind them that men cannot live by bread alone."

Henry J. Kaiser, the industrial king, published an article in one of our national journals, from which I quote: "Recently we built a complete city in ninety days, in which 35,000, people are housed. Certain of our organizations are planning confidently for another city on a vaster scale, which may be located on a beautiful water front, near one of our industrial operations . . . The conception came from the mind and spirit of one of our young executives who is operaing four shipyards. He calls it his 'dream city.' In it there will be room for light and air. The broad streets will be lined with trees and flowers; nor will they be marred by any overhead installations. From parks and playgrounds will come the laughter of happy children. On athletic fields men and women who have worked all day will find recreation in games which they love. In the winding boulevards, the circles, and plazas, there will be that artistry that makes for beauty. I expect to live to see it and many others completed.''

With the sudden and dramatic ending of hostilities the ''dream city'' has been temporarily eclipsed. Industrialists have turned their attention to more remunerative pastures, such as the building of automobiles, while veterans scramble for shelter.

Heaven grant that this city of sumptuous homes and wholesome surroundings may become a reality. As Freemasons, however, we apply that dream city to our morals. We cannot build men on the assembly line process. There is always the human element which can mar or adorn a thing of beauty.

We ask with the poet:—

"What makes a city great? Huge piles of stone
Heaped heavenwards? Vast multitudes who dwell
Within wide circling walls?
True glory dwells where glorious deeds are done,
Where great men rise whose names athwart the dusk
Of misty centuries gleam like the sun!
So may the city I love be great
Till every stone shall be articulate."

If the moral and spiritual forces of a nation fail to keep pace with the intellectual and economic development, we are building in vain.

Canada's post war programme calls for the building of homes, a job for every man, and every man fitted for a job. Adequate health facilities, and the building of beautiful cities such as the industrialist, H. R. Kaiser, describes.

What about the builder himself?

The need for progressive planning is universal. Humanity, too, needs to be built up. The old home is unsuitable for the men of today and tomorrow.

The building of men is a housing problem—a suitable home is needed for the abode of the soul. It is also a food problem—nourishment is required for the mind as well as the body.

There is an inter-relationship between our exports and our imports. No one has learned the meaning of living until he has surrendered himself to the service of others.

If you live for yourself you are always in immediate danger of being bored to death with the repetition of your own views and interests.

The Dead Sea retains all its waters, and thus becomes stagnant and incapable of supporting life of any kind. The Sea of Galilee overflows its banks, and produces one of the most fertile valleys in the world. Within its waters is the life-giving food upon which humanity has fed for countless generations.

Men need better cities, better homes, better industries. They also need to love each other.

"Why build these cities glorious
If man unbuilded grows?
In vain we build the world unless
The builder also grows."

The British Journalist, C. E. Montague, went in to the First World War firmly convinced that it was a war to make the world safe for democracy. He became disillusioned, and in the year 1922, published a book, the title of which was "Disenchantment."

Looking at the human building material that would have to be used in the building of a peaceful world, he writes: "Just when there seems to be such a babble as never before about these grandoise structures, bricks have run short." Vast architectural plans for rebuilding the world—and a tragic shortness of bricks.

That is the tragedy of our day.

You can hardly name a sphere of human activity in which old values are not tumbling, in which there is not a cry for leaders. The G.A.O.U. is still short of bricks.

The 19th century gave us the mastery over nature; discoveries and inventions which lighted the dark regions of the past like stars shining in the heavens. With the discovery of Atomic energy in the 20th century, men are in possession of the secret of the power that lies behind the universe. A power which can be used for the destruction or the enrichment of mankind.

Wistfully we look towards the future and dare to believe that we can build the kingdom of world brotherhood.

The early legends of mankind tell us of fabled cities that were built to music. But nothing permanent is built that way nowadays. We are building, not to music, but amid the din of confusion. It is in such stress and strain the walls of God's purpose is built. It is a troublous time, time of anxiety. But there is something more. As sure as there is a hand of God moving in history, out of this trouble shall come some solid piece of enduring building.

There is no reform which we enjoy to day but was born out of agitation. For it is not in the uneventful days so much as in the very stress and strain walls are built.

When Emerson, the American scholar, visited England, Arthur Hugh Clough said to him, "Carlyle has led all of us younger men out into the desert and left us there.'' Emerson laid his hand gently on the young man's shoulder and said "Perhaps you are the Joshua to lead them into the promised land.'' Clough never fulfilled that prophecy. Looking to that time when Agnosticism came in like a flood, we can see the situation was met best not by the reactionaries who timidly tried to make their way back to the old places, but by those who, like Browning, Tennyson, and Henry Drummond, led on to the surer truths that lay ahead.

We have been lifted out of the old order of things as on a tidal wave. Many people viewing the chaotic conditions in the world are endeavouring to lead us back to the stability of the past. But a new age is dawning, and we need to hear once again words spoken by a great builder, as Israel stood trembling, and hesitant, on the verge of the promised land, ''Your

God has gone ahead of you on the road to look for a place for you to pitch your tents.''

In a filthy jail in Burma, Dr. Judson, the missionary, lay bound with chains, when a fellow prisoner sneeringly said, ''Dr. Judson, what about the prospects now for the brotherhood of man?'' Judson quietly replied, ''The prospects are just as bright as the promises of God.'' God is the Architect who drew the plans. He is the Master Builder ever at work on the structure.

Life is not a simple thing for any one of us. The Almighty has seen to that. We need a strength beyond our own to send us forward to our unfinished tasks, upon the trestleboard of the outstretched years. Who more than the craftsman, whose creed is universal brotherhood, will hail the coming day when the nations shall learn war no more, the day that ushers in the eternal reign of peace.

The task of Freemasonry in the post war world is not the building of cities, and industries, or the development of our natural resources, though in all these Freemasons, as individuals, will do more than their share.

"Freemasonry has but one mission to perform, to exalt and enoble humanity.'' To take the rough stones of the world and shape them into forms of beauty; to build out of weak, struggling, human mortals, the Temple that is to be.

Men need better cities, better homes. They also need to understand each other. We know now that we cannot live apart, we have not yet learned to live together.

Brothers of the mystic tie! You are the temple builders of the future. The Almighty seldom works otherwise than through human agencies. He has no other hands than your hands; no other voice than your voice. With your hands must be raised the domes and the spires of a coming civilization. With your voice the gospel of Universal Brotherhood must be proclaimed.

Builders of men, up and onward, to your appointed task. Hasten to complete the dwelling of the Lord, that His spirit may come and dwell among the nations.

Then, when the time comes for us to lay down our working tools, some future historian may say of us, as was said of a Cathedral builder of old:

> "Himself from God he could not free;
> He builded better than he knew."

R.W. Bro. Wallace was thanked by the Most Worshipful Grand Master for his inspiring and uplifting address.

RESOLUTION RE: HONORARY RANK

By M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4)

Confucius said, ''It is man that makes truth great not truth that makes man great." That is true of Freemasonry. The great truths of the Order are only effective when translated into action and when actually lived by the men of Masonry.

Because the men of Masonry have so lived their lessons of the Craft, the relations of this Grand Jurisdiction with its sister Grand Jurisdictions are mutually cordial and co-operative.

A man, in no small measure responsible for this felicitous condition, is Most Worshipful Bro. Louis H. Colson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

For many years, he has attended our Grand Communications, and during those years he has so lived his Masonry as, not only to cement more firmly the fraternal bonds that bind us to our great neighbor to the South, but also to endear himself to the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction. He has gained our respect, our affection and our regard and now we wish to do him honor.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, do and doth hereby confer upon Most Worshipful Bro. Louis H. Colson of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Minnesota, the rank of Honorary Past Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Moved by M.W. Bro. Wm Douglas (4), seconded by M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker (4), and passed unanimously by a standing vote.

M.W. Bro. Colson thanked the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Filkey, for the honor conferred on him which he greatly appreciated.

M.W. Bro. F. W. Matson thanked the Grand Lodge of Manitoba for this honor conferred on one of its members, which was also looked upon as an honor to the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

APPRECIATION

The following resolution of thanks and appreciation was adopted by Grand Lodge:

To the leadership of V.W. Bro. J. J. Lyon, Grand Organist, who carried out the musical portions of Grand Lodge in his usual resourceful manner.

To the Shrine Chanters for their very enjoyable selections on Thursday evening, June 6th, under the direction of Bro. A. Gill. Their music always gives pleasure.

To the Management and Staff of the Fort Garry Hotel for their thoughtfulness to our guests and to the arrangements for our Grand Lodge Sessions and for their usual courteous attention and assistance.

And lastly, our very grateful appreciation to all those who assisted in the carrying out of the Sessions and various meetings of Grand Lodge, this year especially, we being without the capable leadership of our late friend and Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell.

PRESENTATION

Certificates were presented to Past District Deputy Grand Master, by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master who thanked them sincerely for their loyalty and service during

1945-46. The Grand Master also presented Certificates of rank to the Appointed Officers, thanking them also for their loyalty and attention to duty.

REPORT OF SCRUTINEERS ON ELECTIONS
1946-1947

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Your Board of Scrutineers, appointed to conduct the Annual Election of Officers and eight members to the Board of General Purposes for a term of two years, also District Deputy Grand Masters for the several Masonic Districts, make report as follows:

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER the name of Maurice S. Donovan was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER the name of H. B. Donnelly was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF SENIOR GRAND WARDEN the name of Walter C. McDonald was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN three names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

H. Coddington
C. A. Midwinter
F. E. Simmons

The number of ballots cast was 660 of which 655 were valid. (5 were spoiled). The necessary quota to elect was 328. Brother Coddington received the necessary quota to elect.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND TREASURER the name of Alexander Burgess was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY two names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

Samuel Burland
Peter T. Pilkey

The number of ballots cast was 660 of which 656 were valid. (4 were spoiled.) The necessary quota to elect was 329. Brother Pilkey received the necessary quota to elect.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND CHAPLAIN the name of E. A. Syms was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND HISTORIAN the name of William Douglas was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES the name of Hugh A. Innes was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND LIBRARIAN the name of George Hunter was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES twenty-two names were submitted for eight vacancies (two year term) i.e.:

J. J. Bannerman
J. C. Bate
W. J. Breakey
E. R. Chapman
J. Cuthill
G. P. Fairbairn
J. C. Grant
D. Griffith
J. D. Harrower
J. F. Irwin
A. E. Longstaffe
G. E. Miles
D. Milliken
R. M. Muckle
S. W. Robertson
D. C. Robertson
O. S. Ross
S. J. Sametz
S. M. Stephens
J. Wardrope
Les. C. Welsh
H. T. Waters

The number of ballots cast was 662 of which 653 were valid. (9 were spoiled.) The necessary quota to elect was 73. The following named brethren received the required quota or an equivalent to elect:

1. J. J. Bannerman
2. G. P. Fairbairn
3. J. C. Grant
4. D. Griffith
5. J. D. Harrower
6. J. F. Irwin
7. R. M. Muckle
8. J. Wardrope

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

First Masonic District the name of A. S. McCann was the only one submitted in nomination.

Second Masonic District the name of W. M. Froom was the only one submitted in nomination.

Third Masonic District the name of H. A. Adair was the only one submitted in nomination.

Fourth Masonic District the name of C. N. Mains was the only one submitted in nomination.

Fifth Masonic District the name of J. A. McKinnon was the only one submitted in nomination.

Sixth Masonic District the name of J. C. Duthie was the only one submitted in nomination.

Seventh Masonic District the name of W. S. Clark was the only one submitted in nomination.

Eighth Masonic District the name of D. N. McIntyre was the one submitted in nomination.

Ninth Masonic District the name of D. N. McIntyre was the only one submitted in nomination.

Tenth Masonic District the name of J. W. Lindsay was the only one submitted in nomination.

Twelfth Masonic District three names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

E. D. Chable
H. H. Gray
C. J. Bermack

The number of ballots cast was 130 of which 129 were valid. (1 was spoiled.) The necessary quota to elect was 65. Brother H. H. Gray received the necessary quota to elect.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WM. DOUGLAS,
Chairman.

Presented by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4), who moved that the report be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3). Carried.

The Grand Master declared the several officers of Grand Lodge and Members of the Board of General Purposes duly elected in terms of the committee's report, except the Grand Secretary who was declared elected by the Deputy Grand Master.

INSTALLATION CEREMONIES

M.W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey (25), our Grand Master, called on M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (130), to assume the gavel and install the Officers of Grand Lodge.

M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (130), then called on R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes (3), the Grand Director of Ceremonies, to assist him.

The following Grand Lodge Officers, Elected and Appointed were duly installed in office, except the Grand Treasurer, Grand Historian, and Grand Organist, who were re-elected to their respective Grand Lodge Offices:

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS ELECTED AND APPOINTED FOR 1946-47

Grand Master	M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (113)	Brandon
Deputy Grand Master	R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138)	St. Vital
Senior Grand Warden	R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70)	Roland
Junior Grand Warden	R.W. Bro. H. Coddington (1)	Winnipeg
Grand Treasurer	R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3)	Winnipeg
Grand Secretary	M.W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey (25)	Winnipeg
Grand Chaplain	R.W. Bro. Rev. E. A. Syms (117)	Souris
Grand Historian	M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4)	Winnipeg
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Grand Librarian	M.W. Bro. George Hunter (10)	Winnipeg
Senior Grand Deacon	V.W. Bro. Fred. H. Blythe (93)	Winnipeg
Junior Grand Deacon	V.W. Bro. A. Clark (24)	Neepawa
Senior Grand Steward	V.W. Bro. R. H. Cross (113)	Brandon
Junior Grand Steward	V.W. Bro. S. E. T. Dodd (153)	Flin Flon
Grand Organist	V.W. Bro. J. J. Lyon (130)	Winnipeg
Grand Pursuivant	V.W. Bro. D. W. Smith (7)	P'tge la Prairie
Grand Tyler	V.W. Bro. Syd. Foreman (4)	Winnipeg

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9th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. D. N. McIntyre (94)	Grandview
10th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. J. W. Lindsay (12)	Stonewall
12th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. Harry H. Gray (141)	Winnipeg

PRESENTATIONS

M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey, retiring Grand Master, presented M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan, Grand Master Elect with a Grand Master's Collar, Jewel and Apron on behalf of Grand Lodge. M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan, in accepting this gift of regalia expressed his appreciation, and to the members of Grand Lodge his thanks for the honor they had conferred on him in electing him as their Grand Master, and pledged himself to the service of the Craft.

M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan then presented the retiring Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey with the Past Grand Master's Jewel, for which he thanked the members in a very fitting manner.

M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan, Grand Master Elect thanked the Grand Installing Officer, M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (130), and the Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes (3), for the impressive Installation Ceremony.

R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70), newly elected Senior Grand Warden spoke on behalf of the newly elected Officers, and V.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe and V.W. Bro. S. E. T. Dodd, spoke briefly on behalf of the newly Appointed Officers.

R.W. Bro. Dr. A. S. McCann (4), D.D.G.M. of the First Masonic District, was called on to bring greetings from the newly elected District Deputy Grand Masters.

CLOSING HYMN

"A Charge to Keep I Have."

The business of the Seventy-first Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Manitoba, having been completed. the

Grand Lodge was closed in ample form by the newly installed M.W. Grand Master, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, at 10.45 p.m.

Fraternally submitted,

Harry Woods

Acting Grand Secretary.

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The following form of Bequest may be used by any Brother desiring to bequeath any sum for the benefit of the Benevolent Endowment Fund of Grand Lodge:

"I give unto my Executor or Executors the sum of .... ($) upon trust to pay the same to the Grand Secretary for the time being, of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Manitoba, for the purposes and benefit of the Benevolent Endowment Fund of the said Grand Lodge, and I declare that the receipt for such sum, of the said Grand Secretary shall be an absolute discharge for such payment.

....................................Signed."

The Lodge Secretary will bring this to the attention of the brethren either at the Lodge Meeting or in the Monthly Notice.

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:—

In presenting the Report of the District Deputy Grand Master of the First Masonic District, I would first of all tender to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and his officers my sincere thanks for their whole hearted support and co-operation. The wise council of the Grand Master was continually at my disposal and the genuine support given to me by him rendered the task of the District Deputy very pleasant, and my friendly relations with him will long remain one of my cherished memories. I would also at this time offer my sincere thanks to my District Officers for their very genuine support accorded me during my year of office. Their wise advice learned by experience, their ever ready wish to co-operate, their knowledge of Masonic procedure, their courtesy, their wide circle of friends in the various Lodges of the District all helped, and very materially helped to make my term a most successful and happy one. Worshipful Brother Lamb, the District Chaplain, put his car at my disposal, and he accompanied me on all my visits. Worshipful Brother Jackson of Ancient Landmark Lodge very kindly consented to be my secretary, a second term for him, and his unfailing tact, advice and courtesy as well as attending me on all visits is one of the main reasons why everything ran so smoothly during the year. Worshipful Brother Percy White needs no bouquets from me as his annual re-election as treasurer of the First District speaks eloquently of his services. I would also at this time thank the brethren for their confidence in electing me as District Deputy Grand Master for the year just ended. It is a great experience and the whole hearted welcome tendered me by every Lodge in the District whether visiting them officially or otherwise will long remain one of the outstanding landmarks of my Masonic life.

During my term of office I visited officially all Lodges in the district and found all living up to the Ancient Landmarks of the order, and conducting their business in a very capable manner. Due to lack of time, with so many candidates, some of the lectures and charges are omitted. This policy is not in the best interests of the candidates, and I would suggest that in future all lectures and charges be given in each degree.

The District Meeting held on October 29 was largely attended and the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, though suffering severely from a back ailment, was present and delivered a most inspiring message. We departed from the usual routine of a

District meeting by having a prepared agenda, printed and distributed to all who attended. This I think is a step in the right direction as, with time limited, much time is saved, by debating such subjects, as in the opinion of the Masters of the Lodges are most important. Another matter well worth considering is the meeting with the Masters and Senior Wardens with the District Officers, before the District meeting.

Study clubs in the First Masonic District are not popular and are not making much headway. The outstanding exception to this statement is "The Assiniboine" Lodge, which holds a regular monthly meeting and generally draws an attendance of 30 to 40. Norwood Lodge also holds a monthly meeting and is slowly making progress.

During the year the District Deputies from all districts held two meetings, when matters affecting all districts were discussed and decisions arrived at. Much good comes from these meetings, as the country districts have many problems that do not affect the city districts and they are always open to take advice. I would suggest they be continued.

Too much stress cannot be laid upon investigating committees and strict caution should be observed in submitting same. Let us profit by our mistakes made after the first world war.

I would respectfully call your attention to the very fine library of the Grand Lodge, and would suggest that when new candidates are admitted as M.M. the Master of the Lodge should take a little time in explaining all about this very important department of the Craft.

From my observations I would say that Freemasonry is definitely on the upswing and further progress will be determined by the policy of Grand Lodge. We must remember that we cannot live on the glories of the past, and the Craft today is looking for progressive action.

In conclusion I would offer my sincere thanks to R.W. Brother Hugh Innes and Wor. Brother Ned Boyle for many favors rendered and to all those Worshipful Brethren from the various Lodges who supported me so grandly on my official visits.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES WARDROPE,
D.D.G.M., District No. 1.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:—

I have the honour to submit for your consideration and approval my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Second Masonic District during the last year.

Owing to the early winter I was unable to make my official visits as early as anticipated and four of the visits were crowded into the month of April, 1946. My official visits were made as follows:—

Gothic No. 75	October 10th, 1945
St. Andrew's No. 116	October 22nd, 1945
Gladstone No. 11	April 8th, 1946
Assiniboine No. 7	April 15th, 1946
Union No. 108	May 2nd, 1946
Temple No. 49	October 16th, 1945
Neepawa No. 24	February 12th, 1946
McCreary No. 133	April 11th, 1946
Carberry No. 29	April 16th, 1946

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple at Neepawa on Wednesday, September 26th, 1945, with 134 present. The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey, was present and he was accompanied by R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan, Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell, Grand Secretary, and M.W. Bro. Harry Woods. The M.W. The Grand Master addressed the meeting and gave a most inspiring and instructive address and was greatly appreciated by all. M.W. Bro. Harry Woods conducted a question and answer period at the afternoon session.

Another highlight of the year was the Regional Meeting held at Brandon on April 29th. I had the pleasure of being there accompanied by W. Bro. Clark, District Secretary. It was a very fine meeting attended by a great number of brethren from the surrounding districts.

All of the Lodges in the District have been active in conferring degrees and the work as witnessed by me was very satisfactory. I would like to pay a tribute to the Past Masters of the various lodges who continue faithfully in assisting the Masters and Junior Officers in the conferring of degrees. During my visits I witnessed the conferring of degrees in every Lodge with the exception of Neepawa, my Mother Lodge. I would like to commend the manner in which the candidates are being examined before being advanced. It shows the interest that is being taken in the work.

Although Masonry has made real progress in Manitoba during the year it has also its losses. Several brethren have been called to the Grand Lodge Above and will be sadly missed by the brethren. I must make special reference to the death of R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell, who was for a number of years the Grand Secretary of this Jurisdiction.

In conclusion M.W. Sir, may I express to you and to the brethren of the Second Masonic District my sincere thanks for the great honour of having served as D.D.G.M. for the year 1945-1946, and to the Worshipful Masters and Secretaries for their real co-operation and to the Lodges for their warm welcome on all my visits. I also wish to thank the District Secretary, W. Bro. A. Clark, for his very efficient services and able assistance throughout the year, and the District Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Cairns, and R.W. Bro. J. W. F. Bradley who accompanied me on all my visits but one.

I have tried to do my work to the best of my ability and it is with pleasure that I will remember this year as your District Deputy Grand Master.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES MATHEWSON,
D.D.G.M., Second Masonic District.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:—

It is an honor and pleasure to submit herewith, for your consideration and, I hope, approval, my report as your Deputy for District No. 3 for the year 1945-46.

I am pleased to report Masonry in excellent condition; the best of harmony in all Lodges and the work of the individual Lodges in the hands of brothers who are sincere and faithful.

I had as District Secretary Bro. R. Coutts, of Cypress Lodge No. 82, and as Chaplain W. Bro. W. R. Donaugh, of Glenboro Lodge No. 48, both carrying out their duties in a very capable manner.

With your approval, we held our District Meeting in Cypress River on Thursday, July 26th. There were 110 members present, including yourself, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. P. T. Pilkey, and Suite, R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan, Deputy Grand

Master, R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Senior Grand Warden, Librarian M.W. Bro. Harry Woods, Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell, and W. Bro. Fred Blythe. After short addresses by his Suite, the M.W. Grand Master favored us with an excellent and instructive address. We were also favored by greetings from R.W. Bro. Lynes, of District No. 4, and from R.W. Bro. Les Welsh, of District No. 8. In all, the meeting was very successful and every one felt they had received benefit by being present.

My official visits to the various Lodges were made as follows:

July 10th, 1945	Glenboro No. 48
July 23rd, 1945	Wawanesa No. 67
July 25th, 1945	Swan Lake No. 109
August 1st, 1945	Crescent No. 103
September 18th, 1945	Strathcona No. 117
October 10th, 1945	Holland No. 63
October 19th, 1945	Treherne No. 51
November 1st, 1945	Cypress No. 82
March 12th, 1946	Rathwell No. 87

I made unofficial visits to all the Lodges except Rathwell and Crescent, and wherever I went there was a deep interest taken in the work. Also, there is a lot more interest taken by the Lodges in their communities, by helping in different projects. There is a marked increase in members in the Districts, as well as an increase in visiting between Lodges. All degree work witnessed was exceptionally good.

I planned a District Church Service at Cypress River on Nov. 4th but owing to rain and bad roads the attendance was disappointing as there were only 52 Masons present to hear an inspiring address by W. Bro. Donaugh of Glenboro United Church.

I attended the Conference of D.D.G. Masters which was held in Winnipeg on September 21st, which was of great interest and special benefit, and also had the privilege of being included in your Suite for the evening meeting at the Morden District, No. 8, on October 11th.

In concluding, I wish to thank Bro. R. Coutts for his capable service as Secretary, and W. Bro. Donaugh, for his splendid contrbiution as District Chaplain. To all the Lodges in District No. 3 for their generous support and co-operation; to the brethren of Cypress Lodge for their company on my visits, and to all the brethren of the District in affording me the honor of being your representative.

Fraternally yours,

W. J. YOUNG,
D.D.G.M., District No. 3.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:—

I have been highly honoured to represent you in the Fourth Masonic District as D.D.G.M. and now that my term of office draws to a close, my only regrets are that, through circumstances beyond my control, I have left many things undone.

I visited every Lodge in my District officially. On all my visits I wish to mention the courteous and cordial welcome given me by my brethren and I deeply regret that my various duties prevented me from accepting the many kind invitations from you M.W. Sir, and from my brethren in the Fourth Masonic District.

The Annual District Meeting was held in the Milhausen Auditorium, Morden, on Thursday, October 11th, 1945. While the attendance was not as large as expected, nevertheless the meeting was a grand get-together. I varied from the usual practice of asking the different Lodges to detail or appoint a P.M. to fill an office at the District Meeting, and requested a P.D.D.G.M. from all our Lodges to occupy the chairs I believe this new innovation met with the approval of all Lodges and furthermore added a certain amount of dignity to the occasion. The afternoon meeting was taken up with the business of the District. The selection of a D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year and a Lodge of Instruction, led by the one and only M.W. Bro. Harry Woods. Many questions were asked and most ably answered by this very important and most necessary encyclopedia of Freemasonry. To my way of thinking, this is one of the most important reasons, "Why a District Meeting," and I would recommend and urge all Lodge Officers to attend this most important meeting. Very necessary and important questions can be asked and the proper information received. A banquet was served in the Arlington Hotel at 6.30 p.m. followed by a short toast list.

The evening session opened at 8.15 p.m. with the reception of the M.W. The Grand Master and accompanying Grand Lodge Officers. The M.W. The Grand Master was introduced and in his usual forceful and earnest manner gave a splendid address on Freemasonry as a way of life. The address was much enjoyed by all privileged to listen and I wish to express the appreciation of the Fourth Masonic District to our Grand Master.

A very pleasing item on the program was the presentation of a P.D.D.G.M.'s apron to R.W. Bro. Frank B. Lynes by the Grand Master. Throughout the district I find that all Lodges are maintaining a high standard of efficiency and many new members are being received. I do not subscribe to the practice or believe in it, that a Degree in Freemasonry should be exemplified on the occasion of the Official Visit of the D.D.G.M. and I question the need or benefit. It is up to the Lodge to see and demand that the officers are capable and efficient, if they are not interested in the office which the Lodge has so kindly bestowed upon them, they should so signify at the annual election. A Candidate into Freemasonry has to pass a very severe examination, and the members are asked, if they are satisfied with his proficiency, before being passed. Why Not The Officers? The same efficiency should be demanded by the Lodge.

One of the most pleasing gatherings of my year in office was an invitation from Crystal Lodge No. 71, to take the Morden Lodge Installation Team to Crystal City and to install the Officers of Crystal and Mound Lodges in a joint installation. The kind invitation was accepted and along with many of my Lodge brethren we journeyed to Crystal City on December 11th, 1945, and performed our duties. A splendid evening, a lovely gathering. We were honoured and delighted to have with us on this occasion the Junior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald.

One other pleasing gathering during my term of office was the Diamond Jubilee Celebration of Doric Lodge No. 36, held at Boissevain on Wednesday, May 8th, 1946, nearly 200 Masons from North Dakota and Canada attending. Great credit is due to the Officers and members of this splendid Lodge for such a delightful gathering. The evening was brought to a close by a very pleasing address by the M.W. The Grand Master.

In conclusion I wish to express my sincere and grateful thanks to the Brethren of the Fourth Masonic District for so kindly selecting me as D.D.G.M., and to you M.W. Sir, for confirming my election. To my District Secretary, R.W. Bro. W. R. Leslie, who so kindly accompanied and guided me on all my official visits; to my District Chaplain, R.W. Bro. G. H. Bray, and to the many brethren of my own Lodge who so kindly helped and accompanied me on all my visits.

I sincerely hope that I have been of some service to you all in the Fourth Masonic District. I assure you that my year in office will always remain one of my most pleasant memories. If at any time I can be a help to any one of you, do not hesitate to call upon me.

Thank you my brethren,

Fraternally submitted,

MURDO MACLEAN,
D.D.G.M., Fourth Masonic District.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:—

I have the honor to submit for your consideration and approval my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth Masonic District for the past year, which has been one of genuine pleasure. I feel that my own life has been enriched by the enlarged acquaintance which has come to me in the course of my duties.

The District Meeting was held at Rivers on Tuesday, October 2, 1945. The attendance was 75, very satisfactory, when one considers the pressure of the busy season, owing to delayed harvesting operations. Grand Lodge Officers present were:—

M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey—Grand Master
R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan—Deputy Grand Master
M.W. Bro. W. Douglas—Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. Harry Woods—Past Grand Master

At the afternoon session, reports were received from Lodges in the District, and a bright discussion followed, in which Grand Lodge Officers and brethren generally took part. M.W. Bro. Woods contributed helpful information in his own genial manner. At the evening session, the Grand Master and his suite were introduced by M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson. The Grand Master gave an eloquent address on the duties of Freemasons, and how their activities should be directed in their every-day life and conduct. Thanks were extended to M.W. Bro. Pilkey on motion of M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, seconded by W. Bro. J. E. McNeill, and enthusiastically carried.

A happy feature was the presentation by the Grand Master, of Regalia to Immediate P.D.D.G.M. W. D. Berwick, with suitable words of commendation for the efficient manner in which he had fulfilled his duties. The claims of the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund were recognized with a substantial sum as an "offering."

Between the sessions the serving of a banquet, with a musical program, toasts, and short speeches and greetings, provided an hour of social intercourse and genuine pleasure.

My official visits were made as follows:—

August 20, 1945	Birtle No. 39
September 5, 1945	Foxwarren No. 152

September 11, 1945	Russell No. 62
September 20, 1945	Harmony (Cardale) No. 142
September 27, 1945	Miniota No. 102
October 16, 1945	Strathclair No. 106
October 23, 1945	Hamiota No. 84
October 29, 1945	Rivers No. 115
November 6, 1945	Corinthian (Rapid City) No. 15
November 8, 1945	Prince of Wales (Minnedosa) No. 14
December 13, 1945	Shoal Lake No. 92
April 15, 1946	Binscarth No. 101

In all cases I received a most kindly reception.

I have made quite a number of other visits. Of special interest was that made to Russell Lodge No. 62 which, on Tuesday, October 9, celebrated its Jubilee Anniversary. The attendance was large and an appropriate service was held in the lodge room. Most W. Bro. Pilkey, Grand Master, who with other Grand Lodge Officers, was present, gave the main address, and was at his best. There were other features of an enjoyable and memorable occasion.

It was my privilege to attend the Meetings of District No. 2 at Neepawa, and of District No. 7 at Alexander. I attended two meetings of the Board of General Purposes in Winnipeg.

Almost every Lodge in the District shows increase in membership during the year past, and my impression is that good material is being received to build into the Masonic fabric. It is gratifying to know that eight of the Lodges own their own halls. I have attempted, in my visits, to urge upon the brethren the opportunity and responsibility of service in these changing times. I have every reason to believe our brethren are active in public service in their communities. There is room for a better attendance at the regular meetings of the Lodges. The outlook for District No. 5 is bright. A good spirit is manifest. I would suggest that there be more visiting between Lodges. Visitors and visited gain by the intercourse thus afforded.

On Sunday, May 5th, District Divine Service was held in the United Church, Shoal Lake. The weather was most unfavorable, but the attendance was good, 72 members being present. W. Bro. (Rev.) J. E. McNeill officiated, his sermon being timely and thought provoking. My thanks are tendered to him, and to the officers and members of Shoal Lake Lodge for their welcome and planning of the arrangements. May I be allowed to suggest that this become an annual event.

My apprection and gratitude go to R.W. Bro. R. G. Sinclair, who ably acted as District Secretary; and to W. Bro. (Rev.) J. E. McNeill, who was my District Chaplain.

The Regional Meeting, held at Brandon on April 29, embracing the 3rd, 5th and 7th Districts, was a great success. There is certainly inspiration in numbers. A forum period produced bright discussion, and the Grand Master's address was helpful and stimulating. A very worthwhile event.

I am deeply conscious of the kindness and backing which has been extended to me everywhere in the course of my duties. It has helped and encouraged. The heart of Masonry beats true. I especially valued the support of the P.D.D.G.M.'s who are a tower of strength in their Lodges.

Finally, I thank you, Grand Master, for the example you have set in service, and for advice and friendship.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS W. OFFEN,
D.D.G.M., Fifth Masonic District.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:—

I hereby submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth Masonic District for the past year.

The District meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Reston, on the 25th of July, 1945, and was honored with the presence of M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, the Most Worshipful Grand Master; R.W. Bro. M. Donovan, Deputy Grand Master; R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Senior Grand Warden; R.W. Bro. the late J.H.G. Russell, Grand Secretary; and R.W. Bro. R. J. Timms, Junior Grand Steward. The total attendance as per register was 160, and included representatives of all Lodges in the Masonic district. During the afternoon the meeting was given over to routine business, and to the hearing and discussion of reports from the Masters and Secretaries of the Lodges within the district.

At 6.30 a banquet was held in the basement hall of the Temple followed by a brief programme of music and addresses by local and visiting brethren. The evening meeting was opened at 8.15. The Grand Master and his suite were formally received. The highlight of the session was an inspiring address by the Grand Master in which he set forth the high purposes of Free masonry in an impressive manner. There followed brief addresses by other distinguished brethren. A very pleasing interlude was the presentation of Regalia to R.W. Bro. T. Taylor, the retiring D.D.G.M., by M.W. Bro. Pilkey.

During my term of office I have visited all the Lodges of the District officially as follows:—

September 10, 1945	Kilwinning No. 110
October 2, 1945	Hartney No. 52
October 4, 1945	Napinka No. 77
October 9, 1945	Elgin No. 86
October 15, 1945	Oriental No. 54
October 17, 1945	Deloraine No. 40
November 8, 1945	Reston No. 104
November 23, 1945	Glenwood No. 27

Everywhere I found the Masonic books well kept, with the exception in some cases of the historical registers; and the financial position of all Lodges satisfactory. All Lodges show a steady increase in membership, and an ever growing interest in, and appreciation of, things Masonic. Most of the Lodges conferred degrees during my visits, and the work was put on in a skilful and fittingly impressive manner. Usually the presiding Master enlisted the aid of Past Masters in parts of the ceremonies, a practice which has much to commend it. There is a danger, however, that the learning of the work by the Master may be patchy and incomplete.

Additional visits I have made during the year are: July 16, Oriental No. 54; July 29, International Divine Service at Lake Metagoshe, North Dakota; August 17, Glenwood No. 27; October 10, Maryfield, Sask.; January 21, Northern Light, Winnipeg; February 14, Crescent Lodge, Elm Creek; April 29, Area Meeting of Grand Lodge at Brandon.

Masonry has made real progress during the year in this Masonic District It has also had its sad losses, several brethren having been called to the Grand Lodge Above. I have attended four Masonic funerals during the year, three of them at Reston.

During the year I have been aided by Bro. Dr. R. Harvey, as District Chaplain, and W. Bro. A. J. Manning, as District Secretary.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve District Six as D.D.G.M. and I wish to express my appreciation for having had that honor conferred upon me. The brethren and Lodge officers have extended every courtesy to me, and a fine fraternal spirit has prevailed. It is my hope that harmony and prosperity will continue and that Masonry will ever contribute richly to the well being of humanity.

Fraternally submitted,
JOHN CUTHILL,
D.D.G.M., Sixth Masonic District.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:—

For your consideration and approval I have the honour to submit my report as your representative for the Seventh Masonic District for the year 1945 and 1946. In the performance of my duties I had the pleasure of officially visiting six of the seven Lodges of the district. For business reasons I was unable to visit Tweed Lodge No. 113, Brandon, on the date arranged for and R.W. Bro. O. McKay substituted for me. As I had already made a visit to Tweed Lodge and was privileged to be there on a later occasion I hope I have not neglected my duties on their behalf. I also made unofficial visits to most other Lodges in the district.

The official visits were made on the following dates:—

Elkhorn Lodge No. 74	October 23rd
Lebanon Lodge No. 43	November 6th
Composite Lodge No. 64	November 15th
Lansdowne Lodge No. 107	November 26th
Oak Lake Lodge No. 44	December 13th
Tweed Lodge No. 113	January 15th
Brandon Lodge No. 19	February 12th

It was also my privilege to attend the meeting of the Fifth Masonic District held at Rivers, Manitoba, on October 2nd.

I appointed R.W. Bro. O. McKay as District Secretary and R.W. Bro. J. R. Reid as Chaplain. I wish to extend to those brethren my sincere thanks for their assistance and attention to the duties imposed on them.

The Lodges of the District are very active in the conferring of Degrees. The work I have witnessed has been of a very high order and would serve to impress the candidates with the dignity and high purposes of the Craft. Harmony prevails in all Lodges throughout the District and the Masonic fraternity is an influence for good wherever it is in action. I find the Brethren to be taking an active interest in community welfare and giving valuable service in assisting those of the services to re-establish themselves.

The number of candidates who have been in the various services making application for membership, indicates their appreciation of the fraternal spirit among Masons.

I attended the conference of the D.D.G.M.'s held in Winnipeg on September 21st, also a meeting of the Board of General Purposes. These meetings were instructive and inspiring and served to acquaint the District Deputies with their duties of office, serving to create a sense of responsibility.

I have delivered three different addresses while making my rounds of offcial visits, all centering on the theme, "Masonry of Today and Its Mission." The discussion on the material and favorable comments on my efforts were very encouraging.

The attendance of Officers and Brethren at the Grand Lodge Communications was presented to the Brethren as a duty. I also urged a study of Grand Lodge proceedings in open Lodge for the benefit of those who had not attended. Regular Lodge attendance and visitations to other Lodges were encouraged and many other matters of interest and importance were brought to their attention.

District Meeting

Our meeting for the District was held at Alexander on October 1st. Owing to late harvesting conditions the attendance was not as large as could have been desired. The total attendance of members and visitors was eighty-four, all Lodges in the District being represented.

Grand Lodge Officers in attendance were:—

The M.W. Grand Master Peter T. Pilkey
The R.W. Deputy Grand Master M. S. Donovan
M.W. Brother Harry Woods
W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe.

District No. 5 was officially represented by R.W. Bro. T. W. Offen.

District No. 6 was officially represented by R.W. Bro. John Cuthill.

Your address was most inspiring and could not fail but make a lasting impression on the Brethren who were privileged to hear.

At the afternoon session each Lodge in the District gave a comprehensive report on its activities and conditions which proved interesting and helpful as a number of new ideas were brought to the attention of those in attendance.

Advice and instruction on matters of procedure and degree work with respect to the obligations and Lodge conduct were dealt with and ruled on by Grand Lodge Officers.

The question period was conducted by M.W. Bro. Harry Woods in an able and interesting manner. Many questions of vital importance were answered to the satisfaction and enlightenment of the Brethren.

The Banquet was much appreciated and enjoyed by all. Brethren who proposed and responded to the toasts were as follows: M.W. The Grand Master Peter T. Pilkey, R.W. Bro. O. S. Ross, V.W. Bro. Timms, R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh, R.W. Bro. J. R. Evans, W. Bro. Syms, W. Bro. W. A. Wood and R. W. Bro. Cuthill.

Arrangements are being made to hold the District Divine Service at Oak Lake on May 19th. Bro. H. M. Burgess, of Oak Lake, will deliver the address with District officials assisting in the service. All Lodges in the District are being duly notified and a splendid attendance is anticipated.

The Regional meeting held at Brandon April 29th and sponsored by Brandon Lodge No. 19 and Tweed Lodge No. 113 was attended by two hundred and seven Brethren from District No. 7 and surrounding districts. The M.W. the Grand Master Peter T. Pilkey accompanied by a large number of Grand Lodge officers were in attendance. Many matters of Masonic interest were dealt with in forum and addresses by the M.W. The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Douglas and R.W. Bro. Donnelly were much appreciated. Following the meeting an hour of fellowship was enjoyed by all.

The fiftieth anniversary of Composite Lodge No. 64 was held on April 30th at Alexander with eighty-five in attendance. The M.W. the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master were present and delivered inspiring addresses. Fifty year Jewels were presented to three Brethren by the M.W. The Grand Master, namely R.W. Bro. D. A. Yeomans, W. Bro. L. G. McLeod and Bro. A. J. McLeod. A Masonic Bible was presented to Composite Lodge by R.W. Bro. O. McKay and dedicated by the M.W. The Grand Master. The meeting was terminated with a banquet and program. Greetings and good wishes were tendered to Composite Lodge for a long and useful future.

In conclusion I wish to express my grateful thanks to the Brethren of District No. 7 for making me your choice as D.D.G.M. and to you M.W. Grand Master for confirming the selection. To the Officers and Brethren of the various Lodges in the District please accept my heartfelt thanks for the loyal support afforded me throughout the year.

It has been a pleasure to serve in my humble way as your District Deputy. I trust the service I have rendered has been helpful in the cause of Masonry and that the friendships and brotherly associations we have enjoyed may continue in the future.

Fraternally yours,

J. C. LUNDY,
D.D.G.M., Seventh Masonic District.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:—

I have the honor to submit for your consideration and approval my report as D.D.G.M. for the Eighth Masonic District during the past year.

May I say, that I assumed these duties with considerable apprehension, realising my own limitations and at the same time appreciating the splendid example of efficiency set by my predecessor, R.W. Bro. L. C. Welsh.

Your confidence in me in confirming my election, and your kind words of encouragement to all the newly elected District Deputy Grand Masters, immediately following the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge added greatly to the enthusiasm and resolution with which I took up the task.

At the time I assumed these duties, I knew very few of the Brethren of the Eighth Masonic District and I felt it advisable to make unofficial visits to each Lodge for the purpose of getting better acquainted before I made any official visits. While this was time well spent, I can now say without hesitation, that any apprehension I may have felt as to the possible atmosphere of strangeness was soon dispelled, by the brotherly love and friendliness that was shown me on every occasion. As a consequence, I looked forward in pleasant anticipation to every official visit.

Official visits were made as follows:—

East Star Lodge No. 55	November 1st, 1945
Penza Lodge No. 120	October 23rd, 1945
Patricia Lodge No. 125	November 7th, 1945
Sprague Lodge No. 132	November 14th, 1945
Emerson Lodge No. 6	November 15th, 1945
Midlothian Lodge No. 90	November 19th, 1945
Carman Lodge No. 155	November 20th, 1945
King Solomon Lodge No. 8	April 9th, 1946
Shiloh Lodge No. 70	April 11th, 1946

On each of these visits I was received in due form and accorded a reception befitting your high office. It was my privilege to witness degree work in every Lodge and am pleased to report, that this work was done in a very creditable manner. The Officers in every Lodge seem to know their work quite well, and the Opening and Closing of the Lodge is done according to the prescribed ritual. Any suggestions I have to offer for the improvement of the Work, both in conferring degrees and the Opening and Closing of the Lodge would be in the way of emphasis in expression of the ritual so as to bring home to the candidate, as well as to the members in general, in greater clearness and truth the lessons our ritual is meant to convey to the mind. This lack of expression I feel is due more to a lack of understanding of the ritual, than of knowing the words and could no doubt be remedied if the Brethren who are well skilled in the knowledge of our mysteries and symbolic teaching would visit country Lodges from time to time giving instructions. This I'm sure would stimulate interest and enthusiasm for the work and raise the percentage of attendance a great deal.

The Lodges of the Eighth Masonic District are, generally speaking, in a fairly healthy and prosperous condition. A steady increase in members has taken place during the past two or three years. Fifty-four new members were taken in, in the Eighth District during the year, while death took away six. This makes a net increase of forty-eight and is a healthy sign, proving that the spirit of Freemasonry is alive and active in the district, creating a desire on the part of those who are without, to become members of such a worthy Order. There is also a steady decline in the arrears of dues and some of the Lodges report a considerable fund on hand, in cash or securities, for such purposes as charity or building.

The Annual Meeting of the Eighth Masonic District was held in King Solomon Lodge No. 8, at Morris, on October 12th, 1945. While the attendance was not as large as it could have been, due to the lateness of the harvest, all Lodges of the district were represented and I'm sure everyone present felt benefited by the many discussions and addresses that took place. The reports of the Lodges of the district were listened to with interest and much favorable comment was made by the brethren present.

M.W. Bro. Harry Woods addressed the brethren for a few minutes on the Practice of the Craft, exemplifying the penalties in the M.M. Degree, how to give the Grand Hailing Sign of Distress properly and how to approach the Altar by the proper steps, in the M.M. Degree.

R.W. Bro. Hugh Innes then gave a short talk on Research and Education assisted by R.W. Bro. Donnelly.

At 5.45 p.m. the Lodge was called from labor to refreshment when all the brethren were invited to attend a banquet, in the basement in the United Church, prepared by the ladies of Morris. A very enjoyable hour was spent, and several eloquent toasts and responses concluded that part of the program.

Labor was resumed at eight o'clock. Immediately after, the M.W. Grand Master and his suite were officially received, the Grand Master after a few appropriate remarks, introduced the members of his suite, to the lodge assembled, inviting as many as could be placed, to the East and asking the rest to find a place among the brethren present.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master then made the following presentations: to R.W. Bro. L. C. Welsh, the P.D.D.G.M. Apron, and to Bro. John Fraser of King Solomon Lodge No. 8 the Fifty Year Jewel. Both presentations were made with very fitting remarks from the Grand Master and ably responded to by the respective recipients.

Then came the highlight of the evening. Your address to the brethren. Choosing for your topic "The Three Dimensions of Freemasonry" you held the attention of every brother with your inspiring remarks which I'm sure, will remain long in the memory of all who had the privilege of hearing you.

Before I conclude, Most Worshipful Sir, I have to report with regret and sorrow the passing through that Great Change of one of the oldest and very well known Masons in Manitoba, R.W. Bro. W. A. Piper of Sprague Lodge No. 132. R.W. Bro. Piper was a Charter member of Sprague Lodge and for many years the mainspring of the Order in that district. He will be missed by us all.

I also wish to express my appreciation and thanks for the help, encouragement and hospitality which has been accorded me by all the brethren in the Eighth Masonic District. I am indeed grateful for this, and my life has been greatly enriched by the many new friends I have made whom I shall never forget, and hope to meet from time to time as we continue to work on that great structure of the Brotherhood of Man. This year has given me much in Masonic education and experience and I can only repeat what so many D.D.G.M.'s have said before me; whatever contributions I have been able to make during the past year in the interest of Masonry will at best, never measure up to the benefit and gain it has brought to me.

I also wish to express my gratitude and appreciation to the District Secretary, R.W. Bro. O. T. Johnson, who accompanied me on all my visits. R.W. Bro. Johnson has been of great help to me on many occasions, being ready and willing at all times to do what he could, where the interest and advancement of Masonry was concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. SAWATZKY,
D.D.G.M., Eighth Masonic District.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:—

It is my privilege and duty to present to you the annual report of our labors in the Ninth Masonic District, for the year 1945-46, for your consideration.

I have been very ably assisted, in carrying on the work of this office, by the help of R.W. Bro. Hunter as District Secretary and Bro. Rev. D. Gardner. They accompanied me on our Official Visits, and were ever ready to help and lend advice from their store of Masonic knowledge.

Our first Official Visit was made on August 7th at Favel Lodge No. 126. From an enrollment of 44 members 18 were present. An Initiation was carried out at this meeting, and the Officers were very proficient in their work.

On August 10th we visited Jubilee Lodge No. 147. With 49 on the roll 11 members and 11 visitors attended. While no Degree Work was performed at the meeting, I have at other visits witnessed the Officers in Degree Work and know that they are competent.

On August 13th we visited Roblin No. 122, of 51 members 25 were present and 11 visitors. We witnessed the Fellow Craft Degree which was put on in a very able manner.

At our next visit, August 16th at Hiram No. 94, of a membership of 72, twenty-three members attended with fifteen visitors. No degrees were put on at this meeting. Hiram owns their own hall and a full line of equipment, and is in a good financial position.

We visited Vermillion Lodge No. 68 on September 4th. Vermillion has the largest membership of any Lodge in our District, 177 members of which 37 were present, 16 visitors also attended. The Fellow Craft Degree was put on in a very efficient manner. Discussion on the purchasing of a site for a Masonic Temple took place, and a good spirit of Masonry prevailed.

September 6th, we visited Prince Arthur No. 105, of 76 members on the roll 27 were present, and 25 visitors. There were two Master Mason Degrees conferred by the Officers who were well skilled in their work.

Robbie Burns No. 100 was visited by us on September 12th. Members attending were 15 out of 31 and visitors 23. No Degrees were conferred at this meeting but the Officers appeared to be well skilled in the Craft. Presentation was made of a Jewel to W. Bro. Morton on his departure after twenty-five years of active membership.

Our last Official Visit was made on September 19th, to Victory Lodge No. 128, out of a roll of 40 members 9 were present, with 20 visitors attending the meeting. The Fellow Craft Degree was conferred with the assistance of the Past Masters.

Out of a total membership of 532 in the District we had an attendance of 386 or 71% of the District Membership attending our Official Visits

Kindly note Sir, that this report differs from the established custom in reporting our Official Visits. I have taken this liberty in order to show the attendance, not only of the individual meetings but to show the percentage of attendance in the aggregate.

This Sir, to my mind is the duty of the D.D.G.M., to weld together the endeavors, not only of the strong Lodges, but also the failings of the weaker Lodges, into a strong unified fabric of good Masonry, throughout our district.

That is why Sir, I have given you this picture in detail, and I trust that your Annual Proceedings will be read by the members of the various Lodges in the Ninth District. Then each member can place to their own Lodge the success or failure of this year's endeavor.

On October 19th we held our District Meeting at Swan River. This was attended by 93 members, while not a large attendance, yet very good considering that many members drove over one hundred miles to attend, owing to the long narrow lay of our district.

You Sir, attended this meeting in person, and we of the Ninth District wish to thank you personally, and all Grand Lodge Officers, who so eloquently addressed us, and for your kind help in making our meeting a success.

A Regional Meeting of the Ninth District was held in Dauphin on May 2nd, 1946, at which 150 members attended. I regret to report that I was unable to attend this meeting, but have been assured that a profitable and an enjoyable session was held.

In closing Sir, I wish to thank each Member and Officer of the Ninth Masonic District for their kind and helpful support during my year of office.

To my successor I would wish that he might receive the same kind consideration, and help, that has been extended to me. I would assure him, that if out of my year's experience I have gained any knowledge that might be of help to him, I would gladly pass it on, that it might be a stepping stone in his effort to raise the standard of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, to a higher level in our Brotherhood.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

G. W. RUSSENHOLT,
D.D.G.M., Ninth Masonic District.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:—

It is my privilege and pleasure to submit a report of my activities as your representative in the Tenth Masonic District for the year 1945-1946.

I paid official visits to all Lodges in the district as follows:—

Pine Falls Lodge No. 154	September 14th, 1945
Lisgar Lodge No. 2	September 18th, 1945
Stony Mountain No. 134	October 3rd, 1945
Ophir Lodge No. 112	October 5th, 1945
Stonewall Lodge No. 12	November 1st, 1945
Seven Oaks Lodge No. 148	November 9th, 1945
Transcona Lodge No. 123	February 1st, 1946
Kildonan Lodge No. 131	March 12th, 1946
The Dormer Lodge No. 151	April 2nd, 1946
Manitouwapa Lodge No. 156	April 15th, 1946

I also paid other visits to all the Lodges, with the exception of Pine Falls Lodge. I witnessed the conferring of degrees in most of the Lodges, and found the officers fully aware of the dignity and sincerity of the ceremonies. Candidates for the various degrees gave proof of full and ample instruction on the part of their instructors. I was received on all occasions in a kindly and courteous manner, and it is my pleasure to convey to you officially, the loyalty and homage to you as our Grand Master which was voiced at all meetings.

The District Meeting was held in the East Kildonan Masonic Temple on Friday, October 26th, 1945, with an attendance of 77.

I extend my sincere thanks to you for the inspiring message you left with the brethren on that occasion, and also voice my appreciation to M.W. Bro. H. Woods, M.W. Bro. S. Burland, R.W. Bro. W. McDonald and W. Bro. F. H. Blythe for their contribution to the success of the meeting. The secretaries of all Lodges submitted written reports on conditions in their respective Lodges. These outlined many worthwhile efforts, showing that the brethren are endeavouring to put their Masonic principles into actual practice. One Lodge in an effort to encourage attendance, arranged a roll call night, which proved better than anticipated. Another Lodge has maintained a ward in a local hospital. Two Lodges are studying the possibility of establishing a bursary or scholarship fund, in order to encourage the training and advancement of the youth of their community, one Lodge having already started a fund, and set up a committee to co-operate with the local school board and the teachers of the local high school. Throughout the winter months inter-lodge curling games are enjoyed by the brethren. All Lodges in the district with one exception, show an increase in membership, with a net increase for the whole district of 43 members. I am happy to report that arrearages show a decrease of $117.50, whilst all Lodges show a steady financial gain, with an increase in the amount of cash on hand. Stonewall, Stony Mountain, The Dormer, and Manitouwapa Lodges have maintained their high percentage of Lodge attendance, although I regret to report that the percentage of attendance for the whole district has dropped 1%. A very commendable feature is the large amount paid out by all Lodges for benevolence.

It was my privilege to start out my year of office as a member of your suite on your official visit to Manitouwapa Lodge in August 1945. This was my first visit to this Lodge, and from the cordial reception and very profitable day I spent with them, I received great encouragement and happiness.

It was also my privilege and pleasure to represent the Tenth Masonic District at the following events:—

Annual meeting of the First Masonic District.
Annual meeting of the Twelfth Masonic District.
Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1, 75th Anniversary.
Lisgar Lodge No. 2, 75th Anniversary.
Kildonan Lodge No. 131, 25th Anniversary.
Seven Oaks Lodge No. 148, 21st Anniversary.

In conclusion, may I express my sincere thanks for the opportunity to have served as your representative, and for the guidance and help I received from the meeting of all D.D.G.M.'s which was held in the fall. I have enjoyed the wonderful spirit of fellowship and brotherly love which has been exemplified by all the brethren of all Lodges, and for the great opportunity of adding to my Masonic knowledge. I pay special thanks to W. Bro. J. Norquay, the District Secretary, who has been a great help to me throughout the year, also to W. Bro. G. H. Ball, the District Chaplain, to the Masters and Past Masters who assisted in drawing up the programme for the district meeting, and to all the brethren who accompanied me on so many visits to Lodges.

Whilst the majority of the brethren of the Tenth Masonic District are active and keen workers in their Lodge, yet there are a few drones amongst us, and for their benefit I leave the following message on the subject of "Team Work in Freemasonry":—

"Few things in Freemasonry are of greater importance than team work. Freemasonry is not only a great brotherhood, it is a glorious fellowship in which all concerned should work with each other for the achievement of Masonry's highest purpose. Having definitely accepted the obligations of this fellowship, it is incumbent on every Brother to remember that he is part of the one body of Freemasonry. We are members one of another, and we are workers together. There is no escape from this obligation, and it is a very high privilege. Team work not only affects the members of the team advantageously, but it is of supreme benefit to the Lodge. There is no compulsion but that of love and goodwill. Very little service in the sphere of Freemasonry is remunerative, yet Freemasonry demands the best that each member can give. Freemasonry is not a form of recreation or amusement, but a combination of brethren to serve one another in mutual service, resulting in better service to the world, and especially to the sphere in which their activities are exercised. We are to work together, one helping another. There is a brotherliness that gives charm to life. One brother becomes the guide of another. The tragedy of Freemasonry is, that with all its beautiful idealism, its symbolic teaching, so plain and arresting, its possibility of smoothing rough places, and its gracious beneficence on behalf of the orphan, the aged and the suffering, it may still become just an empty peg on which to hang personal vanity. The concern of every Brother therefore, should be to ascertain what Freemasonry means to him personally, and on that will largely depend his utility and value in team work."

Finally, brethren, may I thank you one and all for your confidence in electing me, and for your kindness to me throughout the year, and for giving me this wonderful opportunity to have served you during the past twelve months.

ROBERT W. ROSS,
D.D.G.M., Tenth Masonic District.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:—

I beg to submit my report of the activities of the Twelfth Masonic District for the year 1945-46, and my stewardship as your representative in the District.

It was with mingled feelings of fear and trepidation, together with a sincere desire to be of service to my brethren of the District, that I entered upon the duties of the High Office, as your representative in the District. I desire to express my gratitude and appreciation to my Brethren of the Twelfth District, for the confidence which they placed in me in electing me as your representative.

It was my privilege to accompany you on your Official Visits to the First, Eighth and Tenth Masonic Districts, also to several of the subordinate Lodges. Not only did I receive inspiration from your many addresses, but also I was greatly impressed with the keen interest evinced by the brethren wherever you visited.

My itinerary of Official Visits in the District was as follows:

Beaver Lodge No. 139	September 13, 1945
Tuscan Lodge No. 141	September 14, 1945
Meridian Lodge No. 140	September 20, 1945
Fidelity Lodge No. 146	September 21, 1945
Fort Osborne Lodge No. 144	October 2, 1945
Capitol Lodge No. 136	October 5, 1945
Lord Selkirk Lodge No. 137	October 10, 1945
Mount Sinai Lodge No. 143	October 25, 1945
Windsor Lodge No. 138	November 12, 1945
Fort Garry Lodge No. 130	November 14, 1945
Sturgeon Creek Lodge No. 145	February 11, 1946

On the occasion of my official visits all the Lodges conferred Degrees, except the following: Beaver, Lord Selkirk, Windsor and Fort Garry. These Lodges were visited at a later date, when Degrees were being conferred. I was scheduled to visit Sturgeon Creek Lodge No. 145 on October 12th, but owing to a fire in St. James Hall had to postpone same to February 11, 1946. I am happy to report that the Hall has been repaired and the Lodge is back in its Masonic Home.

I have already given you a detailed report of my Official Visit to each Lodge, so it will not be necessary for me to say anything further about this phase of my work. I might just add that in every Lodge I was received in due form as your Deputy in the District, and can testify to the high esteem in which the Grand Master is held by the brethren of the District.

During the year Lord Selkirk Lodge No. 137 G.R.M. asked for, and received permission to move their place of meeting from Sir Sam Steel Hall, North Winnipeg, to the Masonic Temple, 521 McMillan Avenue. I beg to report that the Lodge is now comfortably settled in their new Masonic home.

The Twelfth Masonic District annual meeting was held in the Masonic Temple on Tuesday, January 29, 1946, and in my humble opinion, was an outstanding event. Your message, Most Worshipful Sir, was the high-light of the evening, and afforded the brethren food for thought; the brethren appreciated your presence and the message you gave them. I had arranged for the sitting Master of each Lodge to give a short resume of the activities and conditions of the respective Lodges, so that you could get a comprehensive picture of the condition of the Lodges in the District.

The membership of the District as on December 31, 1944, was 1,692, made up of 333 non-resident and 1,359 resident members; on December 31, 1945, the membership was 1,792, made up of 318 non-resident and 1,474 resident members, a net increase of 100 members. Men of a very fine calibre are entering our Lodges, which augurs well for the future of our beloved Craft.

Inter-lodge visitations are being maintained at a high level, which is a good, healthy sign.

I discovered that four of the Lodge Secretaries in the district were not "bonded," as provided for in the Constitution. This matter was drawn to the attention of the respective Masters, and I had their assurance that this condition would be remedied.

Following the custom instituted by my predecessors, R.W. Bro. D. Griffith and R.W. Bro. D. MacKay, monthly dinner meetings of Officers, Masters and Senior Wardens of the District were held. These meetings were well attended; in fact, the brethren seemed to look forward to them. These gatherings were a clearing house for many problems, and matters of interest, not only to those present, but also to the District and the Craft in general; they served to bring the brethren to a better appreciation of each other, and of the many problems confronting the several Lodges. I cannot speak too highly of the potential value of these dinner meetings, and to express the hope that my successor will consider the advisability of their continuance.

During the year Fort Garry Lodge No. 130 celebrated its Twenty-Fifth Anniversary, this event being observed on May 10, 1945. You honored the Lodge with your presence on this auspicious occasion, and I am sure that your message will be long remembered. The Lodge meeting, held after the dinner, was deeply impressive, and befitting to the occasion. Several of the charter members of the Lodge were present. This anniversary will be remembered as a red letter day in the history of the Lodge.

The Annual Ladies' Night of the Twelfth Masonic District, inaugurated by my immediate predecessor, was held on April 26, 1946, and was an outstanding success. The attendance was larger than last year, and was composed almost entirely of brethren of the District and their ladies. Miss Myfanwy Evans, and Bro. Ernest Burrows were the soloists. Bro. T. McMaster proposed the toast to "The Ladies," which was suitably responded to by Mrs. G. W. Zachary. The brethren of the District appreciated your presence with them on this occasion, and also the message which you brought to them.

The annual District Divine Service was held in St. Paul's United Church, on the morning of April 28, 1946. You yourself, Most Worshipful Sir, were not only the host, but also the preacher on that occasion. The lesson was read by M. W. Bro. H. Woods, and the prayer given by myself. I trust that the brethren will long remember the message which you delivered on the text

"What mean ye by these stones," and that they will fit themselves to answer any questions they may be asked on the meaning of Freemasonry, in its many and varied aspects.

The condition of the Lodges in the District is very satisfactory. The Master and Officers are seized with their responsibility and are carrying out their duties to the best of their ability. The spirit of benevolence is not lacking in the District, as evidenced from the response given by the Lodges to the appeal for the Crippled Children's Hospital. In this connection, I feel that special mention should be made of the effort put forth by Fidelity Lodge No. 146, not only did this Lodge vote a sum of $100.00 to the fund, but they sponsored and arranged a hockey match which added approximately $800.00 to the fund.

The financial statements of the Lodges show very gratifying results.

In conclusion, I desire to make the following acknowledgements:—

To yourself, Most Worshipful Sir, for confirming my election as your representative in the District, and for the advice and assistance which you have so generously given to me. I deem it an honor and privilege to have served under you, and our close and intimate association will always be to me a happy memory.

To the Masters of 1945 who so readily adopted me and made me feel at home; and the Masters of 1946 who have given me such staunch support. To all of the Masters I bear an affection that will long remain with me.

To the District Officers: V.W. Bro. Frank H. Williams, as Chaplain; W. Bro. J. Reid Glenn, as Treasurer; and in a special way to W. Bro. Thomas Gilchrist, as Secretary. All these brethren gave me their wholehearted support for whatever success has attended my own effort to promote the welfare of our Craft in the District.

Most Worshipful Sir, I hope that I have discharged my duties in such a manner as will meet with your approval and endorsation.

G. P. FAIRBAIRN,
D.D.G.M., Twelfth Masonic District.

In Memoriam

DEDICATED
TO
THE DISTINGUISHED DEAD OF
SISTER
GRAND LODGES
1945

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY

OF

John Hamilton Gordon Russell

Grand Director of Ceremonies, 1918

District Deputy Grand Master, 1927

Grand Secretary, 1935

Born, Toronto	Died, Winnipeg
November 5th, 1862	February 7th, 1946

R.W. BRO. J. H. G. RUSSELL
Grand Secretary 1935-1946.
Died February 7th, 1946.

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

Charles E. Somerset

Grand Chaplain, 1920, 1921, 1922
Grand Librarian, 1927 to 1945

DIED
August 8th, 1945

Herbert J. J. Smith

Grand Steward, 1915
District Deputy Grand Master, 1917

DIED
October 20th, 1945

Wm. R. Grieve

District Deputy Grand Master, 1912

DIED
March 31st, 1945

John T. Shanks

District Deputy Grand Master, 1942

DIED
August 20th, 1945

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY

OF

William S. Williams

Junior Grand Deacon, 1937

DIED

April 16th, 1945

John Coulter

District Deputy Grand Master, 1903

DIED

January 7th, 1945

George Morrison

District Deputy Grand Master, 1938

DIED

November 29th, 1945

Frank Manning

District Deputy Grand Master, 1929

DIED

February 16th, 1945

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OF THE BELOVED BRETHREN WHO ARE

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
McDonald, R. J.	Feb. 13th, 1945	Prince Rupert's ...	1
Taylor, W. F.	Apr. 12th, 1945	Prince Rupert's ...	1
Vance, H. C.	May 8th, 1945	Prince Rupert's ...	1
Reid, W. E.	July 20th, 1945	Prince Rupert's ...	1
Nicolson, A. B.	Aug. 5th, 1945	Prince Rupert's ...	1
Sellers, H.	Oct. 4th, 1945	Prince Rupert's ...	1
Simpson, R. M.	Feb. 3rd, 1945	Ancient Landmark .	3
Williamson, R. A. ...	Feb. 12th, 1945	Ancient Landmark .	3
Dunsmore, W. R.	Feb. 17th, 1945	Ancient Landmark .	3
Porter, G. C.	Mar. 6th, 1945	Ancient Landmark .	3
Scott, Wm.	Mar. 12th, 1945	Ancient Landmark .	3
Kerr, C. C.	Apr. 4th, 1945	Ancient Landmark .	3
Rendall, Wm.	June 21st, 1945	Ancient Landmark .	3
Rutherford, D. W. ..	July 24th, 1945	Ancient Landmark .	3
Martin, C. M.	Aug. 24th, 1945	Ancient Landmark .	3
Porter, F. W. W. ...	Oct. 5th, 1945	Ancient Landmark .	3
Clark, J. M.	Oct. 24th, 1945	Ancient Landmark .	3
Peace, W. T.	Dec. 28th, 1945	Ancient Landmark .	3
Rattray, G. G.	Jan. 22nd, 1945	St. John's	4
Campbell, D.	Jan. 26th, 1945	St. John's	4
Finlay, J. M.	Mar. 3rd, 1945	St. John's	4
Roberts, J. J.	Apr. 19th, 1945	St. John's	4
Leckie, G. D.	May 28th, 1945	St. John's	4
Anderson, J. G.	May 29th, 1945	St. John's	4
McMillan, D.	June 22nd, 1945	St. John's	4
Weaver, E. L.	Aug. 13th, 1945	St. John's	4
McLean, E. W.	Aug. 19th, 1945	St. John's	4
Carter, R. C.	Aug. 21st, 1945	St. John's	4
Dagg, C.	Sept. 2nd, 1945	St. John's	4
White, A. D.	Sept. 4th, 1945	St. John's	4
Skinner, Geo.	Sept. 7th, 1945	St. John's	4
Leatherdale, Wm. ...	Sept. 8th, 1945	St. John's	4
Ross, P. H.	Sept. 10th, 1945	St. John's	4
Henderson, S. B.	Oct. 12th, 1945	St. John's	4

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Spafford, J. W.	Nov. 6th, 1945	St. John's	4
Stewart, H. L.	Dec. 8th, 1945	St. John's	4
Bucknam, E. F.	Oct. 8th, 1945	Emerson	6
Stewart, A. D.	Feb. 16th, 1945	Assiniboine	7
Parker, D. T.	May 7th, 1945	Assiniboine	7
Rea, R. N.	May 23rd, 1945	Assiniboine	7
McTavish, J.	Feb. 22nd, 1945	King Solomon	8
Weare, Rev. W. R.	Jan. 30th, 1945	Northern Light	10
Reade, H. T.	Mar. 11th, 1945	Northern Light	10
Gunn, B. M.	Mar. 12th, 1945	Northern Light	10
Innes, J. F.	May 7th, 1945	Northern Light	10
Reid, J. Y.	Aug. 1st, 1945	Northern Light	10
Gunn, C. S.	Nov. 17th, 1945	Northern Light	10
Blake, W. C.	Nov. 27th, 1945	Northern Light	10
Hutchison, J. N.	Dec. 14th, 1945	Northern Light	10
Stratton, W. J.	Aug. 5th, 1945	Stonewall	12
Savage, Rev. Jas.	Dec. 1945	Stonewall	12
Sleep, Geo.	Sept. 26th, 1945	Morden	13
Hunter, W.	July 14th, 1945	Prince of Wales	14
McMartin, H. E.	Sept. 19th, 1945	Prince of Wales	14
Willows, E.	Feb. 1945	Brandon	19
Roddick, G. W.	Mar. 16th, 1945	Brandon	19
Kerr, F. W.	Aug. 17th, 1945	Brandon	19
Budd, H. K.	Dec. 15th, 1945	Brandon	19
Alguire, H. L.	Jan. 4th, 1945	Neepawa	24
Canton, H. P.	Dec. 24th, 1944	Ionic	25
Cameron, G. J.	Jan. 11th, 1945	Ionic	25
Hammond, A. J.	Mar. 4th, 1945	Ionic	25
Berg, Carl	Apr. 3rd, 1945	Ionic	25
Horne, J. M.	Apr. 30th, 1945	Ionic	25
Routley, G. M.	May 4th, 1945	Ionic	25
Cahoon, S.	May 18th, 1945	Ionic	25
Fitch, J. E.	June 3rd, 1945	Ionic	25
Miles, Chas.	July 8th, 1945	Ionic	25

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Swail, R. W. B.	July 31st, 1945	Ionic	25
Hamilton, Jas.	Sept. 1st, 1945	Ionic	25
Holden, C. S.	Sept. 8th, 1945	Ionic	25
Honan, D.	July 26th, 1945	Glenwood	27
Hoover, O.	Dec. 1st, 1945	Glenwood	27
Suddaby, J. C.	Dec. 8th, 1945	Glenwood	27
Witherspoon, J.	Apr. 23rd, 1945	Carberry	29
Waugh, R. J.	Oct. 15th, 1945	Carberry	29
Hanley, Wm.	Feb. 7th, 1945	Doric	36
McGregor, E.	Jan. 14th, 1945	Deloraine	40
Gibb, D. F.	Apr. 22nd, 1945	Oak Lake	44
McDonald, J.	Dec. 4th, 1945	Oak Lake	44
Morcombe, J. A.	Feb. 26th, 1945	Glenboro	48
McKelvy, R. O.	May 18th, 1945	Temple	49
Barrett, J.	Sept. 19th, 1945	Temple	49
Hayden, W. E.	Dec. 26th, 1945	Killarney	50
Fletcher, W. J.	Jan. 8th, 1945	Oriental	54
Barker, G. B.	Nov. 14th, 1945	Oriental	54
Ritz, Henry	Apr. 18th, 1945	East Star	55
Hembroff, W. B.	Oct. 29th, 1945	East Star	55
Tyndall, L. V. (Missing in action)	Jan. 1945	Russell	62
Lundy, T. F.	June 15th, 1945	Composite	64
Foreman, W. J.	Aug. 24th, 1945	Composite	64
Jackson, V. M.	Jan. 22nd, 1945	Vermillion	68
Bewell, H. E.	May 30th, 1945	Vermillion	68
Shepard, B. J.	Aug. 2nd, 1945	Vermillion	68
McCallum, T. H.	Sept. 3rd, 1945	Shiloh	70
Steeves, N.	Jan. 1st, 1945	Gothic	75
Coombs, F. M.	Apr. 3rd, 1945	Hamiota	84
Snook, J.	Jan. 5th, 1945	Elgin	86
Maguire, W. J.	Jan. 19th, 1945	Elgin	86
Wilson, A. E.	Apr. 10th, 1945	Elgin	86
Fleming, P. R.	June 17th, 1945	Shoal Lake	92

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Sidney, H.	July 12th, 1945	King Edward	93
Carrick, J. G.	Nov. 8th, 1945	King Edward	93
Dixon, S.	June 23rd, 1945	Reston	104
Kidd, J. A.	Aug. 5th, 1945	Reston	104
McCrindle, J. H.	Sept. 23rd, 1945	Reston	104
Blackburn, E.	Oct. 9th, 1945	Strathclair	106
McDonald, T. B.	Feb. 13th, 1945	Lansdowne	107
McDonald, Jas.	June 2nd, 1945	Lansdowne	107
Garth, Thos.	Nov. 26th, 1945	Lansdowne	107
McLean, D.	Mar. 26th, 1945	Union	108
Borland, W.	Nov. 28th, 1945	Union	108
Wood, Geo.	Jan. 31st, 1945	Acacia	111
Wilson, J. R.	Feb. 6th, 1945	Acacia	111
McLellan, Colin	Sept. 3rd, 1945	Acacia	111
Seaman, W. E.	May 29th, 1945	Ophir	112
Purvis, A.	Jan. 1st. 1945	Tweed	113
Ostrander, L. E.	Jan. 24th, 1945	Tweed	113
Dunlop, J. E. S.	Sept. 6th, 1945	Tweed	113
Reilly, W. H.	Jan. 7th, 1945	"The Assiniboine"	114
Clark, A. L.	Jan. 28th, 1945	"The Assiniboine"	114
Cuddy, W. A.	Mar. 7th, 1945	"The Assiniboine"	114
Kerr, F. W.	June 8th, 1945	"The Assiniboine"	114
Reid, J. Y.	Aug. 1st, 1945	"The Assiniboine"	114
Mitchell, J. B.	Nov. 4th, 1945	"The Assiniboine"	114
Frost, I. O.	Oct. 26th, 1945	Rivers	115
Craig, S. D.	Dec. 5th, 1945	St. Andrew's	116
Sigvaldason, J.	June 3rd, 1945	Strathcona	117
Reid, A. M.	Dec. 19th, 1945	Strathcona	117
Burns, G. W.	July 13th, 1945	Mound	118
Stewart, C. A.	May 24th, 1945	Norwood	119
Klinck, L.	Oct. 30th, 1945	Norwood	119
Anderson, H.	May 6th, 1945	Penza	120
Preece, T.	July 17th, 1945	Penza	120
Hunter, J.	Sept. 22nd, 1945	Penza	120

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Knox, A. H.	Jan. 5th, 1945	St. James	121
Randle, E. J.	June 1945	St. James	121
Thrasher, R. G.	Nov. 14th, 1945	St. James	121
Connor, W.	July 5th, 1945	Transcona	123
Stirling, J. D. A.	Apr. 13th, 1945	The Pas	124
Hullin, W. R.	June 1st, 1945	The Pas	124
Simpson, E. J.	Nov. 20th, 1945	The Pas	124
Wilson, H. H.	Apr. 7th, 1945	Fort Garry	130
Gilmore, D.	Apr. 27th, 1945	Fort Garry	130
Foster, R. C.	Aug. 14th, 1945	Fort Garry	130
Tristram, V. T.	Dec. 25th, 1945	Fort Garry	130
Blews, R. G.	Mar. 6th, 1945	Kildonan	131
Kleven, S.	May 25th, 1945	Sprague	132
Perry, W. J.	Oct. 19th, 1945	Stony Mountain	134
Foggie, J.	Sept. 15th, 1945	Capitol	136
McDougall, D. M.	Feb. 13th, 1945	Lord Selkirk	137
Tyson, H.	Oct. 8th, 1945	Lord Selkirk	137
McDonald, A.	Dec. 12th, 1945	Windsor	138
Coaffee, F. S.	July 30th, 1945	Beaver	139
Gillingwater, T. W.	Jan. 5th, 1945	Meridian	140
Mackenzie, R.	May 10th, 1945	Meridian	140
Dunsheath, N.	June 30th, 1945	Meridian	140
O'Neill, A.	Oct. 2nd, 1945	Meridian	140
Buchan, H. E.	Sept. 14th, 1945	Tuscan	141
McCormick, S. J.	Oct. 13th, 1945	Harmony	142
Rost, S. E.	Oct. 25th, 1945	Mt. Sinai	143
Keller, Wm.	Dec. 5th, 1945	Mt. Sinai	143
Tennent, J. L.	Mar. 15th, 1945	Fort Osborne	144
Murray, J. W.	Aug. 28th, 1945	Fort Osborne	144
Hodgdon, C. R.	Apr. 30th, 1945	Sturgeon Creek	145
Keeler, G. C.	Nov. 1945	Sturgeon Creek	145
Boyd, R. D.	Dec. 9th, 1945	Fidelity	146
Holmes, G. B.	Aug. 25th, 1945	Cartwright	150
Little, Wm.	Sept. 12th, 1945	The Dormer	151

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Cahoon, S.	Feb. 15th, 1945	Foxwarren	152
Black, D.	July 11th, 1945	Foxwarren	152
Carlisle, E. E. (Killed in Action)		Flin Flon	153
Selness, R. S.	May 17th, 1945	Flin Flon	153
Irvine, C. C.	Dec. 24th, 1945	Pine Falls	154

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Piper, R. H.	Feb. 20th, 1945	Prince Rupert's	1
Murray, N. W.	Oct. 16th, 1945	Prince Rupert's	1
Angus, J. D.	Jan. 15th, 1945	Ancient Landmark	3
Carter, T. W. E.	Mar. 7th, 1945	St. John's	4
Woolsey, J. J.	Nov. 17th, 1945	St. John's	4
Dickson, G.	Dec. 17th, 1945	St. John's	4
Noble, W. J. C.	Dec. 17th, 1945	St. John's	4
Tate, W. R. P.	Nov. 20th, 1945	Assiniboine	7
Colert, W. M.	June 18th, 1945	King Solomon	8
Thom, D. R.	Oct. 9th, 1945	King Solomon	8
Lawson, C. B.	Apr. 19th, 1945	Northern Light	10
Christie, A.	Oct. 18th, 1945	Northern Light	10
Argo, R.	Nov. 15th, 1945	Northern Light	10
Pottruff, J. L.	Jan. 8th, 1945	Gladstone	11
Nordal, J.	Dec. 6th, 1945	Stonewall	12
Barber, J. H.	Jan. 18th, 1945	Morden	13
Fleming, T. L.	July 1st, 1945	Prince of Wales	14
Phillips, G. L.	Dec. 13th, 1945	Prince of Wales	14
Wolstenholme, T.	Aug. 7th, 1945	Corinthian	15
Carpenter, C. H.	Jan. 9th, 1945	Brandon	19
Neilson, Robt.	May 8th, 1945	Brandon	19
Beaubier, P. J.	Dec. 11th, 1945	Brandon	19
McAdam, R. G.	Mar. 13th, 1945	Neepawa	24
Radcliffe, W. G.	Dec. 11th, 1945	Neepawa	24
Critchlow, W. E.	Dec. 20th, 1945	Neepawa	24
Saalmans, C. K.	Sept. 10th, 1945	Ionic	25
Russell, H. J.	Dec. 31st, 1945	Ionic	25
Shephard, A.	Dec. 31st, 1945	Ionic	25
Cocks, E. W.	Nov. 23rd, 1945	Glenwood	27
Arnett, T. L.	Dec. 27th, 1945	Glenwood	27
Bateson, E. W.	Dec. 27th, 1945	Glenwood	27
Briggs, W. H.	Dec. 27th, 1945	Glenwood	27
Ehrlick, M. P.	Dec. 27th, 1945	Glenwood	27
MacPherson, S. L.	Dec. 27th, 1945	Glenwood	27
Heglin, D. J.	Dec. 27th, 1945	Glenwood	27
Rogers, M. R. G.	Dec. 18th, 1945	Carberry	29
Couzens, J. H.	Sept. 4th, 1945	Manitou	30
Garton, M. H.	Jan. 1945	Doric	36
Martin, A.	Dec. 27th, 1945	Doric	36
George, J. M.	Jan. 17th, 1945	Deloraine	40

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Homuth, E.	Dec. 19th, 1945	Deloraine	40
Brown, H. R.	Oct. 2nd, 1945	Lebanon	43
Arnold, W. J.	Dec. 11th, 1945	Glenboro	48
Wenham, W. J.	Dec. 18th, 1945	Killarney	50
Pyle, W.	Dec. 17th, 1945	Killarney	50
King, R. L.	Jan. 26th, 1945	Treherne	51
Fraser, J. K.	Feb. 6th, 1945	Hartney	52
Renwick, P.	Feb. 14th, 1945	Holland	63
March, J. H.	Feb. 15th, 1945	Composite	64
Shearer, Thos.	Mar. 26th, 1945	Wawanesa	67
McPhee, W. J.	Jan. 2nd, 1945	Vermillion	68
Young, J. H.	Jan. 2nd, 1945	Vermillion	68
Nixon, J. C.	June 5th, 1945	Vermillion	68
Berridge, J. A.	Oct. 2nd, 1945	Vermillion	68
Conner, J. H.	Nov. 6th, 1945	Vermillion	68
McDougall, R. D.	Dec. 4th, 1945	Vermillion	68
Cochrane, G. F.	Nov. 8th, 1945	Shiloh	70
Smith, L.	Jan. 1945	Gothic	75
Jenkins, G. H.	Feb. 1st, 1945	Cypress	82
Tammadge, F. W.	Aug. 2nd, 1945	Hamiota	84
Binney, W. J.	Nov. 1st, 1945	Hamiota	84
McDonald, R. M.	Jan. 23rd, 1945	Hamiota	84
Struthers, T. D.	Dec. 12th, 1945	Rathwell	87
Stuart, R. J.	Nov. 19th, 1945	Midlothian	90
Harrison, L.	Jan. 11th, 1945	Shoal Lake	92
Bean, F. T.	Nov. 7th, 1945	Crescent	103
McKay, D.	Dec. 5th, 1945	Crescent	103
Bates, D. A.	May 10th, 1945	Reston	104
Clack, J. E.	Nov. 8th, 1945	Reston	104
Mitchell, W. F.	Oct. 4th, 1945	Prince Arthur	105
Curtis, L. G.	Dec. 17th, 1945	Union	108
Walton, R.	Dec. 12th, 1945	Swan Lake	109
Lusted, T. C.	Dec. 12th, 1945	Swan Lake	109
Chambers, S. A.	Nov. 12th, 1945	Kilwinning	110
McDonald, A.	Nov. 12th, 1945	Kilwinning	110
Dane, W. J.	Dec. 10th, 1945	Kilwinning	110
Collins, J.	Dec. 12th, 1945	Acacia	111
Kehol, J. F.	Mar. 2nd, 1945	Ophir	112
McCulloch, D.	Oct. 5th, 1945	Ophir	112
Nemirovsky, Aron	Nov. 2nd, 1945	Ophir	112

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Nemirovsky, B.	Dec. 7th, 1945	Ophir	112
Campbell, S. A.	Dec. 7th, 1945	Ophir	112
Lochard, C. W.	Jan. 16th, 1945	Tweed	113
Smith, T. H.	Sept. 18th, 1945	Tweed	113
Wright, F. E.	Mar. 6th, 1945	"The Assiniboine"	114
Smith, T. J.	Dec. 4th, 1945	"The Assiniboine"	114
Anderson, C. A.	Dec. 31st, 1945	"The Assiniboine"	114
Dobson, H. J.	Dec. 31st, 1945	"The Assiniboine"	114
Horn, G. B.	Aug. 27th, 1945	Rivers	115
Twilley, J. W.	Aug. 27th, 1945	Rivers	115
McAuley, J. H.	Nov. 1945	Rivers	115
Moglove, H.	Dec. 1st, 1945	Rivers	115
Plumpton, D.	Jan. 4th, 1945	Strathcona	117
Hitesman, R. J.	Dec. 27th, 1945	Mound	118
Witts, B.	Nov. 8th, 1945	Norwood	119
Collier, Sydney	Nov. 15th, 1945	St. James	121
Hodges, L. A.	Dec. 31st, 1945	St. James	121
Partridge, F. A.	Jan. 8th, 1945	Roblin	122
Silvert, S.	Feb. 12th, 1945	Roblin	122
Cock, R. J.	Dec. 7th, 1945	The Pas	124
Douglas, Wm.	Dec. 7th, 1945	The Pas	124
Wright, J. L.	Oct. 2nd, 1945	Favel	126
Rogers, John	Dec. 12th, 1945	Empire	127
Olson, A.	July 18th, 1945	Victory	128
Smith, E.	Dec. 12th, 1945	Fort Garry	130
Mulvin V. W.	Dec. 31st, 1945	Kildonan	131
May, E. O.	Sept. 12th, 1945	Sprague	132
Espeland, H.	Sept. 12th, 1945	Sprague	132
Lind, Peter	Oct. 10th, 1945	Sprague	132
Sandy, W. J.	Dec. 12th, 1945	Sprague	132
Whitehead, J. S.	Sept. 15th, 1945	Stony Mountain	134
Zutz, William	Nov. 15th, 1945	Stony Mountain	134
Brisco, H. A.	Dec. 31st, 1944	Capitol	136
Bakerman, C. H.	Feb. 9th, 1945	Capitol	136
Leaney, C. P.	Mar. 10th, 1945	Capitol	136
Thrower, T. D.	Oct. 1945	Capitol	136
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Ubsdell, W. W.	Nov. 16th, 1945	Beaver	139
Kershaw, V. B.	Dec. 13th, 1945	Beaver	139
Parsons, J. S. B.	Dec. 13th, 1945	Beaver	139
Wing, W. H.	Dec. 20th, 1945	Meridian	140
Solvason, S.	Jan. 12th, 1945	Tuscan	141
Radcliffe, Wm.	Dec. 31st, 1945	Tuscan	141
Lorimer, C.	Nov. 6th, 1945	Fort Osborne	144
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1875	*Rev. W. C. Clarke	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy	*Jas. Henderson	*S. L. Bedson	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*John H. Bell	*H. T. Champion	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1876	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy	*Jas. Henderson	*S. L. Bedson	*G. F. Newcomb	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Jno. W. Harris	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1877	*G. F. Newcomb	*Jas. Henderson	*Jno. W. Harris	*E. G. Conklin	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson
1878	*G. F. Newcomb	*Jno. W. Harris	*Simon Duffin	*F. T. Bradley	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1879	*Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson	*Jno. W. Harris	*Simon Duffin	*R. McCuaig	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*James Munroe	*Rev. James Flett
1880	*John H. Bell	*E. G. Conklin	*Hon. G. McMicken	*J. M. McGregor	†J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1881	*John H. Bell	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. B. Murray	*C. F. Forrest	†J. J. Johnston	*Jas. Henderson	*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1882	*John H. Bell	*Wm. G. Scott	*Alfred Pearson	*C. F. Forrest	†J. J. Johnston		*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1883	*John H. Bell	*D. B. Murray	*R. McCuaig	†John Smith	†J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. Young	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1884	*John H. Bell	*C. F. Forrest	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood	†N. J. Lindsay	†J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	†Wm. Simpson	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1885	*C. F. Forrest	*Alfred Pearson	*Peter McGregor	†Thos. Colins	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. W. H. Wilson	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood
1886	*Alfred Pearson	*Peter McGregor	*J. W. H. Wilson	*J. K. Brydon	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Wm. G. Bell	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1887	*Thomas Clark	†John A. Kerr	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Jas. S. Greig	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1888	*Thomas Clark	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	R. C. Brown	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†Joseph Daniel	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1889	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara	*Wm. G. Bell	*Thos. L. Morton	†Thos. McPherson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*James A. Payne	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding
1890	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	†Thos. McPherson	*Fred L. Newman	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*R. W. Woodroofe	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding
1891	*Wm. G. Bell	*J. W. H. Wilson	*Rich'd D. Foley	*John Leslie	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*James G. Dagg	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1892	*J. W. H. Wilson	*D. J. Goggin	*F. G. Lewin	*Thos. Robinson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Wm. A. Windatt	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1893	*D. J. Goggin	*Thos. Robinson	*Thos. Tweed	*Corbet Locke	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. H. Munson	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1894	*Thomas Tweed	*Charles N. Bell	*Corbet Locke	*Hugh U. Bain	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†Rev. A. W. F. Cooper	*Rev. O. B. Pitblado

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1895	*Charles N. Bell	*Corbet Locke	*John Leslie	*Geo. B. Murphy	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*John Chambers	*Rev. C. B. Pitblado
1896	*Corbet Locke	*John Leslie	*Fred L. Newman	†F. T. English	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†C. N. Mitchell	*Rev. J. W. Matheson
1897	*Thomas Robinson	*Geo. B. Murphy	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton	†Wm. Crawford	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. O. Smith	*Rev. A. Chisholm
1898	*Geo. B. Murphy	*H. J. Eberts	*R. S. Thornton	*Wm. A. Windatt	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†Edgar W. Rugg	†Rev. C. R. Littler
1899	*John Leslie	*R. S. Thornton	*W. A. Windatt	*S. B. Jamieson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†J. A. Sutherland	†Rev. J. W. Muirhead
1900	*R. S. Thornton	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton	*Wm. Fenwick	*R. Hill Myers	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	†E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. B. Baird
1901	*R. S. Thornton	*R. Hill Myers	†E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*James M. Suttie	*Rev. A. B. Baird
1902	*R. Hill Myers	†E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Geo. W. Baker	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	†Geo. H. Webster	†Rev. Geo. H. Webb
1903	†E A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Wm. G. Scott	*H. H. Campkin	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*R. P. Crookshank	†Rev. Geo. H. Webb
1904	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Wm. G. Scott	*H. H. Campkin	†James Scroggie	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	†O. E. S. Whiteside	Rev. John Wells.
1905	*Wm. G. Scott	*H. H. Campkin	†James Scroggie	*Henry J. Pugh	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*John R. Grant	†Rev. Geo. H. Hogbin
1906	*John McKechnie	†James Scroggie	*Henry J. Pugh	*James D. Baine	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Arthur H. Smith	*Rev. Jas. L. Gordon
1907	†James Scroggie	*Henry J. Pugh	*James D. Baine	*John Wemyss	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Robert Magness	*Rev. Jas. L. Gordon
1908	*Henry J. Pugh	*James D. Baine	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*A. N. Macpherson	Rev. Thos. Neville
1909	*James D. Baine	*Geo. W. Baker	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Joseph Greenfield	*Rev. Wm. Robertson
1910	*Geo. W. Baker	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*Ed. M. Walker	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Jas. E. Maynard	*Rev. Wm. Robertson
1911	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*Ed. M. Walker	*Lynds S. Vaughan	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*R. W. A. Rolph	Rev. Frederick W. Goodeve
1912	*Wm. Chambers	*Ed. M. Walker	*Lynds S. Vaughan	Henry E. Bletcher	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*John Colwell	Rev. Frederick W. Goodeve
1913	*Ed. M. Walker	*Lynds S. Vaughan	Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Robert L. Ross	Rev. Sydney D. Thomas
1914	*Lynds S. Vaughan	*William Fenwick	Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*J. M. Robinson	*Rev. Peter E. Scott

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1915	*William Fenwick	Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	Ed. T. Greenway	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Jno. Macwhirter	*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1916	Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	Ed. T. Greenway	*Alex. McIntyre	*James G. Dagg	*James A. Ovas	C. F. Hasselfield	*Rev. James S. Miller
1917	*Percy E. Kellett	Ed. T. Greenway	*Alex. McIntyre	Albert J. Hatcher	*James G. Dagg	*James A. Ovas	*Jno. J. Jackson	*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1918	Ed. T. Greenway	*Alex. McIntyre	Albert J. Hatcher	*Geo. N. Jackson	*James G. Dagg	*James A. Ovas	....	*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1919	*Alex. McIntyre	Albert J. Hatcher	*Geo. N. Jackson	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major	*James A. Ovas	....	Rev. James W. Anderson
1920	Albert J. Hatcher	*Geo. N. Jackson	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major	Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas	....	*Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1921	*Geo. N. Jackson	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major	Jas. S. MacEwing	Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas	....	*Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1922	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major	Jas. S. MacEwing	A. L. Crossin	Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas	....	*Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1923	Wm. J. Major	Jas. S. MacEwing	Albert L. Crossin	*J. C. Walker Reid	Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas	....	†Rev. Wm. C. Cunningham
1924	Jas. S. MacEwing	Albert L. Crossin	*J. C. Walker Reid	Jabez Miller	James Mackie	*James A. Ovas	....	†Rev. Wm. C. Cunningham
1925	Albert L. Crossin	*J. C. Walker Reid	Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	James Mackie	*James A. Ovas	....	*Rev. Andrew T. Norquay
1926	*J. C. Walker Reid	Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas	James Mackie	*James A. Ovas	....	*Rev. Andrew T. Norquay
1927	Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas	George Hunter	James Mackie	*James A. Ovas	....	Rev. George W. Findlay
1928	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas	George Hunter	Norman J. Black	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas	....	Rev. George W. Findlay
1929	William Douglas	George Hunter	Norman J. Black	David S. Woods	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas	....	Rev. George W. Findlay
1930	George Hunter	Norman J. Black	David S. Woods	James Mackie	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas	....	Rev. G. A. Woodside
1931	Norman J. Black	David S. Woods	James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas	....	Rev. G. A. Woodside
1932	David S. Woods	James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph	Royal Burritt	Alex. Burgess	*James A. Ovas	....	Rt. Rev. W. W. H. Thomas
1933	James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph	Royal Burritt	Harry Woods	Alex. Burgess	*James A. Ovas	....	Rt. Rev. W. W. H. Thomas
1934	*Henry L. Adolph	Royal Burritt	Harry Woods	John T. Boyd	Alex. Burgess	*James A. Ovas	....	Rev. George R. Calvert

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1935	Royal Burritt	Harry Woods	John T. Boyd	Robert Hawkins	Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell	....	Rev. George R. Calvert
1936	Harry Woods	John T. Boyd	Robert Hawkins	W. D. Lawrence	Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell	....	Rev. Thomas Neville
1937	John T. Boyd	Robert Hawkins	W. D. Lawrence	J. J. Henderson	Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell	....	Rev. Harry Sherstone
1938	Robert Hawkins	W. D. Lawrence	J. J. Henderson	Rev. G. R. Calvert	Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell	....	Rev. Harry Sherstone
1939	W. D. Lawrence	J. J. Henderson	Rev. G. R. Calvert	S. H. Fahrni	Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell	....	Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1940	J. J. Henderson	Rev. G. R. Calvert	S. H. Fahrni	Ben C. Parker	Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell	....	Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1941	Canon G. R. Calvert	S. H. Fahrni	Ben C. Parker	Sam Burland	Alex Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell	....	Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1942	S. H. Fahrni	Ben. C. Parker	Sam Burland	Rev. P. T. Pilkey	Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell	....	Rev. J. L. McInnis
1943	Ben C. Parker	Sam Burland	Rev. P. T. Pilkey	M. S. Donovan	Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell	....	Rev. J. L. McInnis
1944	Sam. Burland	Dr. P. T. Pilkey	M. S. Donovan	H. B. Donnelly	Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell	....	Rev. H. B. Wallace
1945	Dr. P. T. Pilkey	M. S. Donovan	H. B. Donnelly	W. C. McDonald	Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell	....	Rev. H. B. Wallace
1946	M. S. Donovan	H. B. Donnelly	W. C. McDonald	Harry Coddington	Alex. Burgess	Dr. P. T. Pilkey	....	Rev. E. A. Syms

* Dead † Removed from Jurisdiction

LODGE DIRECTORY

No.	Name of Lodge	P.O. Address	Master	Secretary	Time of Regular Meeting
1	Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg	H. J. Harrod	W. K. Mulock	Third Tuesday
2	Lisgar	Selkirk	J. Laxdal	John Veitch	Third Tuesday
3	Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg	E. W. Kemp	W. F. Hutton	Third Monday
4	St. John's	Winnipeg	A. A. Macdonald	Jas. Mackie	First Wednesday
6	Emerson	Emerson	W. Elliott	Len. Beer	Third Thursday
7	Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie	E. L. Kitchen	R. A. Price	Third Monday
8	King Solomon	Morris	S. E. Muirhead	O. B. Cossitt	Second Tuesday
10	Northern Light	Winnipeg	S. D. Cruden	D. A. Ross	Third Thursday
11	Gladstone	Gladstone	D. G. Adamson	E. J. Cresswell	Second Monday
12	Stonewall	Stonewall	R. B. Burley	M. R. Good	First Thursday
13	Morden	Morden	C. F. Tasker	M. Maclean	Third Thursday
14	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa	W. G. Ferguson	H. M. Stephenson	Second Thursday
15	Corinthian	Rapid City	H. R. Rorke	Arthur Dennis	First Tuesday
19	Brandon	Brandon	T. B. Bridger	A. G. Warr	Second Tuesday
24	Neepawa	Neepawa	J. G White	Arthur Clark	Second Tuesday
25	Ionic	Winnipeg	O. S. Evans	M. Cobban	First Monday
27	Glenwood	Souris	L. C. Anderson	W. W. Coltman	Fourth Friday
29	Carberry	Carberry	E. C. Rankmore	C. P. Rogers	Tuesday on or before full moon
30	Manitou	Manitou	T. Shelton	Rev. J. W. Cruikshank	First Tuesday
36	Doric	Boissevain	D. Stroud	J. D. Houston	Fourth Tuesday
39	Birtle	Birtle	R. L. Miles	F. C. Barber	Third Monday
40	Deloraine	Deloraine	M. A. Ready	J. Wat. Thomson	Third Wednesday
43	Lebanon	Virden	E. A. Winkler	W. L. Cann	First Tuesday
44	Oak Lake	Oak Lake	J. Black	P. W. Paul	Second Thursday
48	Glenboro	Glenboro	J. H. Hamilton	A. S. Hames	Second Tuesday
49	Temple	MacGregor	R. W. Cobbe	H. I. Collins	Third Tuesday
50	Killarney	Killarney	E. J. Jarvis	J. C. Bate	Third Monday
51	Treherne	Treherne	P. Dupasquier	H. A. Adair	Friday on or before full moon
52	Hartney	Hartney	C. K. Render	J. L. Crowe	First Tuesday
54	Oriental	Melita	F. J. Lang	J. G. Cobb	Third Monday
55	East Star	Gretna	D. A. McQuarrie	G. G. McEdward	First Thursday
62	Russell	Russell	H. Gillespie	C. E. Whitmer	Second Wednesday
63	Holland	Holland	B. A. Sutherland	W. H. Zachary	Second Tuesday
64	Composite	Alexander	E. J. Critchley	A. D. Blair	Third Monday
67	Wawanesa	Wawanesa	J. R. Spencer	C. L. Atkinson	Monday on or before full moon

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68	Vermillion	Dauphin	R. L. Pascoe	H. D. Brewer	First Tuesday
70	Shiloh	Roland	R. A. McKenzie	C. H. Glover	Second Thursday
71	Crystal	Crystal City	L. A. MacKay	R. R. Livesley	Second Tuesday
74	Elkhorn	Elkhorn	A. O. Lyon	H. J. Jones	Fourth Tuesday
75	Gothic	Austin	I. E. Helfgott	F. J. Hall	Second Wednesday
77	Napinka	Napinka	R. N. Stewart	A. S. Baskier	First Thursday
82	Cypress	Cypress River	R. C. Russell	J. D. Brine	First Thursday
84	Hamiota	Hamiota	V. E. G. Little	E. P. Venables	Fourth Tuesday
86	Elgin	Elgin	L. D. Anderson	E. J. Smillie	Second Tuesday
87	Rathwell	Rathwell	H. A. McLeod	E. B. Litz	Tuesday on or before full moon
90	Midlothian	Miami	T. Oakes	A. C. Orchard	Third Monday
92	Shoal Lake	Shoal Lake	W. Stanley	W. H. Loney	Second Thursday
93	King Edward	Winnipeg	W. G. Pickering	S. A. Restall	Third Wednesday
94	Hiram	Grandview	J. A. Robertson	D. N. McIntyre	Third Thursday
100	Robbie Burns	Gilbert Plains	H. B. Thompson	W. A. Knott	Second Wednesday
101	Binscarth	Binscarth	W. A. Burnett	M. E. Clegg	Third Monday
102	Miniota	Miniota	A. E. Brad	W. H. Yarwood	Fourth Thursday
103	Crescent	Elm Creek	D. R. Woods	R. H. Wood	First Wednesday
104	Reston	Reston	G. L. McMorran	F. R. Manning	Second Thursday
105	Prince Arthur	Swan River	W. L. Foshner	J. Livesey	First Thursday
106	Strathclair	Strathclair	J. M. Sinclair	H. W. Clark	Tuesday on or before full moon
107	Lansdowne	Griswold	W. D. Griggs	M. R. Sutherland	Fourth Wednesday
108	Union	Brookdale	G. W. Mitchell	R. H. Curll	First Thursday
109	Swan Lake	Swan Lake	H. I. Skinner	G. O. Couch	Wednesday on or before full moon
110	Kilwinning	Minto	H. Dallas	W. L. Leppert	Second Monday
111	Acacia	Winnipeg	D. Smith	Wm. Dewar	Second Wednesday
112	Ophir	Beausejour	B. Warkentin	Wm. Craik	First Friday
113	Tweed	Brandon	H. A. Huston	Ed. Braun	Third Tuesday
114	"The Assiniboine"	Winnipeg	J. W. Hall	O. E. MacQuoid	First Tuesday
115	Rivers	Rivers	F. D. Taylor	R. G. Sinclair	Last Monday
116	St. Andrew's	Wellwood	G. W. Wells	J. H. Caldwell	Monday on or after full moon
117	Strathcona	Belmont	M. E. Graham	Wm. Owen	Tuesday on or before full moon
118	Mound	Pilot Mound	E. M. Hammond	R. E. Hicks	Fourth Thursday
119	Norwood	Norwood	L. J. Green	W. M. Summers	Second Thursday
120	Penza	Dominion City	W. W. Casson	A. G. Froom	Fourth Tuesday

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121	St. James	St. James	F. Ward	Thos. King	Second Wednesday
122	Roblin	Roblin	J. M. Thom	Geo. Kelso	Second Monday
123	Transcona	Transcona	E. McKeown	F. G. Turner	First Friday
124	The Pas	The Pas	W. Howie	G. A. Williams	First Thursday
125	Patricia	Sperling	A. B. Campbell	J. J. Tjaden	First Wednesday
126	Favel	Minitonas	J. A. Mitchell	H. Laing	First Tuesday
127	Empire	Winnipeg	F. Williamson	Jas. Wardrope	Second Monday
128	Victory	Benito	F. R. Spencer	C. F. Drager	Third Wednesday
130	Fort Garry	Winnipeg	J. R. Finlay	W. D. G. Runions	Second Wednesday
131	Kildonan	Winnipeg	T. B. Francis	C. M. Smillie	Second Tuesday
132	Sprague	Sprague	J. W. Mann	J. W. Emes	Second Wednesday
133	McCreary	McCreary	J. W. Buchanan	T. E. Squire	Second Thursday
134	Stony Mountain	Stony Mountain	F. Pollock	J. S. Wilson	First Wednesday
136	Capitol	Winnipeg	R. Mitchell	George Newman	First Friday
137	Lord Selkirk	Winnipeg	F. W. Hastings	G. R. Mackay	Second Wednesday
138	Windsor	St. Vital	R. McClure	H. B. Donnelly	Second Monday
139	Beaver	Winnipeg	H. S. J. Rogers	F. H. Herbert	Second Thursday
140	Meridian	Winnipeg	A. J. McIver	Jas. Mowat	Third Thursday
141	Tuscan	Winnipeg	D. Robertson	A. R. Simpson	Second Friday
142	Harmony	Cardale	A. D. Russell	S. W. Smith	Third Thursday
143	Mt. Sinai	Winnipeg	S. Golden	F. B. Dubinsky	Fourth Thursday
144	Fort Osborne	Winnipeg	J. F. Kristjansson	T. J. Booth	First Tuesday
145	Sturgeon Creek	Sturgeon Creek	L. D. Bester	E. W. Browne	Second Monday
146	Fidelity	Winnipeg	C. E. Cook	George Florence	Third Friday
147	Jubilee	Bowsman	H. G. McEachern	Henry Stevens	Second Thursday
148	Seven Oaks	Winnipeg	W. G. Woodfield	E. J. Scott	Second Friday
150	Cartwright	Cartwright	W. Malone	W. H. Newton	Third Tuesday
151	The Dormer	Winnipeg	E. Taylor	R. W. Ross	First Tuesday
152	Foxwarren	Foxwarren	H. Ranson	V. G. Hillcox	First Wednesday
153	Flin Flon	Flin Flon	A. R. Douglas	S. E. T. Dodd	First Tuesday
154	Pine Falls	Pine Falls	W. B. Dimock	Wm. Bird	Second Friday
155	Carman	Carman	G. A. Greenaway	J. A. Leslie	Third Tuesday
156	Manitouwapa	Moosehorn	K. N. Snidal	W. A. L. Armstrong	Third Monday

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, 31st DECEMBER, 1945

No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Re-instated	Demitted	Sus-pended N.P.D.	Sus-pended U.M.C.	Died	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1944	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1945
1	Prince Rupert's .	11	12	5	1	2	2	....	....	6	397	403
2	Lisgar..........	7	6	4	2	1	....	2	....	1	113	120
3	Ancient Landmark	9	9	10	....	1	1	3	....	12	344	388
4	St. John's.......	15	15	15	2	4	4	3	....	18	574	570
6	Emerson........	6	6	5	2	....	....	....	....	1	61	68
7	Assiniboine......	35	22	23	3	....	1	....	....	5	198	230
8	King Solomon....	4	3	3	1	....	2	....	....	1	68	70
10	Northern Light...	10	10	9	4	1	3	....	....	8	270	274
11	Gladstone.......	5	3	2	....	....	1	....	....	....	71	75
12	Stonewall.......	5	5	4	3	....	1	....	....	2	92	97
13	Morden.........	4	3	3	1	1	1	....	....	1	77	81
14	Prince of Wales..	7	6	7	2	1	2	3	....	2	104	107
15	Corinthian......	2	2	2	....	1	1	1	....	1	55	55
19	Brandon........	10	10	9	....	3	3	....	....	4	189	195
24	Neepawa........	11	14	9	....	1	3	....	....	1	141	149
25	Ionic...........	12	15	11	4	3	3	....	....	13	504	507
27	Glenwood.......	17	19	18	1	1	7	....	....	3	158	167
29	Carberry........	3	3	3	....	....	1	2	....	2	67	65
30	Manitou........	1	1	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	55	55
36	Doric..........	9	5	5	....	....	2	....	....	1	79	85
39	Birtle..........	1	1	1	2	....	....	....	....	....	41	44
40	Deloraine	9	10	8	....	2	2	1	....	1	71	78
43	Lebanon........	6	7	7	....	....	1	....	....	....	98	103
44	Oak Lake.......	1	3	3	1	....	....	1	....	2	34	33
48	Glenboro........	2	....	....	1	....	1	....	....	1	50	51
49	Temple	11	13	12	1	....	1	....	....	2	73	82

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, 31st DECEMBER, 1945—Continued

No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Re-instated	Demitted	Sus-pended N.P.D.	Sus-pended U.M.C.	Died	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1944	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1945
50	Killarney	3	4	4	2	3	1	1	....	1	64	69
51	Treherne	10	5	5	1	2	1	....	....	1	38	49
52	Hartney	5	5	8	....	2	1	....	....	1	77	82
54	Oriental	6	6	8	1	....	....	....	....	2	52	57
55	East Star	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	39	38
62	Russell	....	....	....	2	3	....	....	....	1	50	54
63	Holland	4	4	6	1	1	1	....	....	....	55	60
64	Composite	9	7	5	....	1	1	....	....	2	47	54
67	Wawanesa	8	9	9	....	1	1	....	....	....	48	56
68	Vermillion	10	14	14	2	2	6	....	...	3	172	177
70	Shiloh	6	5	6	2	2	1	....	....	1	71	79
71	Crystal	3	1	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	49	52
74	Elkhorn	3	3	3	1	2	....	....	....	....	44	50
75	Gothic	2	4	4	....	1	1	1	....	1	58	58
77	Napinka	6	6	6	....	...	....	....	....	....	66	72
82	Cypress	2	2	3	....	....	3	1	....	....	39	37
84	Hamiota	4	4	3	....	....	1	....	....	1	49	51
86	Elgin	8	3	1	....	....	....	....	....	3	61	66
87	Rathwell	2	2	2	....	....	1	1	....	....	20	20
90	Midlothian	9	9	3	....	3	1	2	....	....	64	73
92	Shoal Lake	2	2	3	1	1	1	....	....	1	80	82
93	King Edward	12	12	21	....	3	....	3	....	2	299	309
94	Hiram	3	4	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	69	72
100	Robbie Burns	3	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	30	33
101	Binscarth	2	2	2	1	1	....	....	....	....	29	33
102	Miniota	3	2	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	57	60
103	Crescent	3	4	3	....	....	2	1	....	....	58	58

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, 31st DECEMBER, 1945—Continued

No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Re-instated	Demitted	Sus-pended N.P.D.	Sus-pended U.M.C.	Died	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1944	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1945
104	Reston	26	27	25	2	2	2	....	....	4	126	150
105	Prince Arthur...	6	3	2	....	1	1	....	....	....	70	76
106	Strathclair......	5	4	4	....	....	....	....	....	1	42	46
107	Lansdowne......	1	1	1	....	1	....	....	....	3	42	41
108	Union..........	1	1	1	....	1	1	....	....	2	44	43
109	Swan Lake......	5	3	3	....	....	2	....	....	....	28	31
110	Kilwinning......	....	....	1	....	....	3	....	....	....	55	52
111	Acacia..........	15	10	10	1	....	1	8	....	3	195	199
112	Ophir..........	....	2	2	....	2	5	....	....	1	57	53
113	Tweed.........	14	14	13	5	1	2	....	....	3	234	249
114	"The Assiniboine"	10	10	11	1	3	4	1	....	6	332	335
115	Rivers.........	13	10	12	....	1	4	2	....	1	59	66
116	St. Andrews.....	....	1	....	1	1	....	....	....	1	35	36
117	Strathcona......	2	3	6	1	....	1	1	....	2	65	64
118	Mound..........	8	7	5	....	1	1	....	....	1	59	66
119	Norwood........	13	11	10	4	2	1	3	....	2	188	201
120	Penza..........	1	1	1	2	1	....	....	....	3	33	34
121	St. James.......	18	18	18	5	....	2	....	....	3	173	191
122	Roblin..........	6	6	6	2	3	2	....	....	....	42	51
123	Transcona......	13	13	13	2	4	....	....	....	1	128	146
124	The Pas........	8	4	6	....	....	2	....	....	3	96	99
125	Patricia........	2	2	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	31	33
126	Favel..........	5	6	6	1	....	1	....	....	....	39	44
127	Empire.........	8	5	10	....	1	1	3	....	....	125	130
128	Victory.........	1	1	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	40	40

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, 31st DECEMBER, 1945—Continued

No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Re-instated	Demitted	Sus-pended N.P.D.	Sus-pended U.M.C.	Died	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1944	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1945
130	Fort Garry......	13	11	12	3	2	1	1	....	4	191	203
131	Kildonan.......	5	5	5	1	....	1	....	....	1	94	98
132	Sprague........	7	7	6	....	....	4	....	....	2	24	26
133	McCreary.......	3	3	3	....	1	....	....	....	....	38	42
134	Stony Mountain..	3	3	3	....	2	....	....	....	1	47	49
136	Capitol.........	9	9	9	1	2	5	1	....	1	170	175
137	Lord Selkirk....	1	1	1	2	1	3	....	....	2	99	98
138	Windsor........	7	4	4	3	....	3	....	....	1	119	125
139	Beaver.........	12	12	6	3	....	3	3	....	1	221	229
140	Meridian........	14	13	13	4	1	1	....	....	5	259	272
141	Tuscan.........	6	5	5	....	....	2	....	....	1	71	74
142	Harmony.......	2	2	1	....	....	....	...	....	1	28	29
143	Mt. Sinai........	23	12	14	3	....	....	....	....	2	217	241
144	Fort Osborne....	13	8	9	1	1	1	1	....	2	118	129
145	Sturgeon Creek..	8	11	11	....	2	2	....	....	2	95	101
146	Fidelity.......	19	18	8	....	....	5	....	....	1	128	141
147	Jubilee.........	2	2	1	....	....	3	....	....	....	50	49
148	Seven Oaks......	5	2	2	1	1	....	....	....	....	90	97
150	Cartwright......	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	32	31
151	The Dormer.....	3	3	3	1	....	....	....	....	1	49	52
152	Foxwarren......	....	1	4	1	....	....	....	....	2	37	36
153	Flin Flon.......	7	7	7	1	....	1	....	....	2	99	104
154	Pine Falls.......	2	3	3	1	....	....	....	....	1	46	48
155	Carman.........	8	11	13	1	....	1	....	....	....	58	66
156	Manitouwapa ...	4	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	52	56

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1945

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
1	Prince Rupert's . .	9	4	13	129	274	76	21	190.00	295.78	2,497.16	835.05	17,534.67	1,500.00	Active	1	Rent
3	Ancient Landmark	9	9	18	75	263	57	25	275.00	355.00	846.07	186.00	31,374.95	2,900.00	Active	1	Rent
4	St. John's	9	14	23	115	464	79	5	220.00	240.00	604.04	528.00	32,858.49	1,500.00	Active	1	Rent
10	Northern Light . .	9	4	13	75	198	74	26	220.00	263.84	204.23	160.00	11,034.54	1,500.00	Active	1	Rent
25	Ionic	10	16	26	128	379	91	57	618.00	201.65	2,985.80	1,886.00	48,352.12	500.00	Active	1	Rent
93	King Edward . . .	9	10	19	72	236	110	29	331.00	427.00	902.80	200.00	8,645.49	1,600.00	Active	1	Rent
111	Acacia	9	8	17	34	165	22	40	154.00	143.00	823.60	623.15	8,551.10	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
114	"The Assiniboine"	10	4	14	74	261	14	70	126.00	128.00	589.87	Nil	17,301.91	1,500.00	Active	1	Rent
119	Norwood	9	12	21	28	173	33	71	325.00	75.00	1,131.80	1,211.50	6,745.32	7,200.00	Active	1	Own
121	St. James	9	11	20	30	163	20	65	178.00	153.50	959.65	Nil	7,432.63	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
127	Empire	9	4	13	22	108	40	7	70.00	184.47	716.16	753.75	4,993.12	3,500.00	Active	1	Own

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1945

No. of Lodge	NAME	Reg.	Emer.	Total	Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
7	Assiniboine	10	26	36	95	135	45	42	304.30	3.40	1186.42	4,285.25	15,015.54	16,000.00	Active	1	Own
11	Gladstone	12	3	15	28	46	21	9	59.30	26.50	45.58	Nil	3,500.00	3,000.00	Active	1	Own
24	Neepawa	10	6	16	62	87	36	Nil	Nil	282.30	270.48	1,689.00	3,149.28	3,000.00	Active	1	Rent
29	Carberry	10	2	12	32	33	23	2	24.00	Nil	82.51	41.70	2,740.81	3,000.00	Active	1	Own
49	Temple	12	4	16	35	47	27	12	80.00	38.00	110.12	Nil	3,600.00	2,700.00	Active	1	Own
75	Gothic	10	. .	10	26	31	18	2	55.00	Nil	288.54	Nil	1,500.00	1,500.00	Active	1	Own
108	Union	10	4	14	23	20	16	4	30.00	Nil	235.75	Nil	1,735.75	1,400.00	Active	2	Own
116	St. Andrew's . .	10	3	13	22	14	12	4	72.00	40.00	100.00	Nil	1,600.00	200.00	Active	1	Rent
133	McCreary	11	3	14	13	29	12	1	74.04	65.00	Nil	9.84	914.20	400.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1945

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
109	Swan Lake	8	..	8	8	22	13	19	150.00	....	249.92	169.00	39.00	200.00	Active	1	Rent
67	Wawanesa	12	..	12	15	41	25	9	129.00	65.70	130.28	....	630.28	250.00	V. Act.	1	Rent
63	Holland	10	1	11	32	38	20	4	24.00	15.00	92.00	....	700.00	400.00	Active	1	Rent
117	Strathcona	12	2	14	37	17	23	9	70.00	25.00	1,539.78	....	2,259.78	500.00	V. Act.	1	Rent
51	Treherne	10	4	14	21	28	16	2	12.00	18.15	580.31	....	2,000.00	2,000.00	Active	1	Own
48	Glenboro	9	..	9	18	33	17	11	112.00	74.10	350.31	....	350.35	350.00	Active	1	Rent
103	Crescent	9	4	13	11	47	25	56	280.00	....	42.74	10.66	1,059.08	300.00	V. Act.	1	Rent
82	Cypress	10	2	12	16	22	15	3	15.00	....	66.02	101.20	1,328.99	1,200.00	Active	1	Own
87	Rathwell	11	..	11	6	15	10	2	12.00	....	243.00	50.05	493.76	300.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1945

13	Morden	10	1	11	48	33	23	13	79.00	60.00	683.00	....	1,200.00	500.00	Active	1	Rent
30	Manitou	10	1	11	26	29	12	4	40.00	50.85	122.36	....	3,207.44	350.00	Active	1	Rent
36	Doric	12	2	14	66	20	12	19	142.00	25.00	208.47	....	3,050.11	2,500.00	Active	1	Own
50	Killarney	11	..	11	24	45	..	..	....	....	109.87	....	1,609.87	250.00	Active	1	Rent
71	Crystal	12	2	14	12	40	23	10	92.00	111.00	196.45	....	643.88	200.00	Active	1	Rent
118	Mound	10	5	15	48	18	15	10	58.00	20.60	853.54	....	1,011.54	100.00	Active	1	Rent
150	Cartwright	8	1	9	14	18	10	10	84.00	55.90	....	....	500.00	200.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1945

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in Arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
14	Prince of Wales .	12	5	17	30	77	25	12	140.00	....	651.40	500.00	7,291.40	6,000.00	Active	1	Own
15	Corinthian	11	2	13	6	49	22	5	40.00	....	611.62	....	3,011.62	1,800.00	Active	1	Own
39	Birtle	10	..	10	14	30	15	10	60.00	....	291.39	31.50	3,077.89	1,500.00	Active	1	Own
62	Russell	10	1	11	16	38	15	3	18.00	320.10	16.93	....	1,216.93	1,200.00	Active	1	Rent
84	Hamiota	9	3	12	7	44	15	7	49.00	18.80	289.67	....	289.67	200.00	Active	1	Rent
92	Shoal Lake	10	2	12	40	41	25	17	114.00	....	258.55	692.22	1,862.14	1,500.00	Active	1	Own
101	Binscarth	8	..	8	11	22	10	8	104.00	....	48.25	32.75	967.25	500.00	Active	1	Rent
102	Miniota	12	..	12	23	37	17	8	50.00	....	144.00	....	2,789.60	1,825.00	Active	1	Own
106	Strathclair	12	2	14	16	30	20	1	25.00	84.64	192.97	125.60	2,050.40	1,000.00	Active	1	Own
115	Rivers	10	5	15	32	34	16	6	52.00	68.77	400.24	....	2,000.24	1,000.00	Active	1	Own
142	Harmony	8	2	10	11	18	9	3	30.00	....	391.26	....	461.26	500.00	Active	1	Rent
152	Foxwarren	11	3	14	11	25	13	3	27.50	13.30	27.15	....	1,800.00	1,300.00	Active	1	Own

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1945

27	Glenwood	12	16	28	81	87	45	15	94.00	120.00	435.24	....	10,000.00	10,000.00	Active	1	Own
40	Deloraine	11	3	14	38	42	24	3	21.00	....	909.67	121.75	3.323.92	300.00	Active	1	Rent
52	Hartney	11	2	13	31	50	25	1	10.00	19.00	81.03	....	1,172.06	800.00	Active	1	Rent
54	Oriental	12	4	16	11	46	20	6	43.25	70.00	317.32	186.50	1,915.07	600.00	Active	1	Rent
77	Napinka	11	3	14	28	44	21	11	75.00	....	382.82	....	1,082.82	100.00	Active	1	Rent
86	Elgin	10	1	11	14	52	24	8	24.00	100.00	453.48	....	813.48	Nil	Active	1	Rent
104	Reston	12	14	26	23	127	64	18	144.00	360.00	151.28	....	9,447.08	4,500.00	Active	1	Own
110	Kilwinning	12	0	12	18	34	24	3	24.00	101.00	113.06	92.00	1,197.06	300.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1945

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
113	Tweed	10	8	19	79	170	32	50	319.00	195.00	531.51	337.69	18,702.84	Nil	Active	1	Rent
43	Lebanon	10	1	11	60	43	25	10	92.50	85.85	413.62	141.25	1,273.37	300.00	Active	1	Rent
74	Elkhorn	13	1	14	26	24	12	6	45.00	90.00	300.11	351.36	2,993.75	3,000.00	Active	1	Own
44	Oak Lake	9	1	11	18	15	9	11	72.00	25.00	424.51	Nil	2,000.00	1,300.00	F. Act.	1	Own
64	Composite	10	5	16	19	36	20	11	90.00	60.00	245.00	Nil	1,743.00	1,000.00	Active	1	Own
19	Brandon	10	11	23	25	125	25	. .	. . . .	65.00	910.65	298.30	9,585.03	Nil	Active	1	Rent
107	Lansdowne	9	. .	10	11	30	15	30	232.00	71.76	126.29	80.00	460,00	640.00	Fair	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1945

No. of Lodge	NAME	Reg.	Emer.	Total	Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
155	Carman	11	6	17	11	55	35	0	Nil	28.90	173.65	Nil	1,068.65	500.00	Active	1	Rent
90	Midlothian	10	1	11	29	44	24	7	45.00	120.00	312.84	327.29	1,177.71	150.00	Active	1	Rent
6	Emerson	12	1	13	29	39	20	11	132.00	76.15	830.29	Nil	4,500.00	3,700.00	Active	1	Own
70	Shiloh	10	1	11	22	57	30	7	52.00	100.00	83.95	25.85	4,310.10	250.00	Active	1	Rent
120	Penza	10	0	10	10	24	11	4	30.00	15.00	204.43	Nil	1,704.43	1,500.00	Fair	1	Own
132	Sprague	12	3	15	14	12	8	9	120.00	Nil	142.19	Nil	500.00	500.00	Active	1	Rent
125	Patricia	9	0	9	12	21	12	15	116.00	64.37	Nil	Nil	886.09	300.00	Active	1	Rent
55	East Star	6	0	6	31	8	9	5	293.00	Nil	272.53	39.61	1,550.92	900.00	Dorm.	1	Own
8	King Solomon . .	10	2	12	30	40	18	5	64.00	25.00	267.95	Nil	2,200.00	2,200.00	Active	1	Own

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1945

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
68	Vermillion	10	8	18	81	96	40	24	198.00	97.60	382.29	178.00	6,524.59	2,000.00	Active	1	Rent
94	Hiram	11	..	11	22	50	27	5	32.00	Nil	123.59	140.50	2,956.84	2,550.00	Active	1	Own
100	Robbie Burns ..	9	1	10	11	22	13	5	70.00	13.10	111.54	41.20	508.80	200.00	Active	1	Rent
105	Prince Arthur ..	12	4	16	33	43	18	6	60.00	125.23	121.84	Nil	696.84	450.00	Active	1	Rent
122	Roblin	12	3	15	10	41	21	2	15.00	70.00	148.41	Nil	1,390.00	750.00	Active	1	Own
126	Favel	12	4	16	5	39	14	7	90.00	Nil	238.17	Nil	738.17	500.00	Active	1	Rent
128	Victory	9	1	10	16	24	12	6	36.00	25.00	127.33	Nil	300.00	300.00	Active	1	Rent
147	Jubilee	12	1	13	20	29	13	6	45.00	39.75	196.73	Nil	496.73	200.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1945

2	Lisgar	10	5	15	35	85	27	29	206.00	107.00	499.25	....	3,000.00	2,700.00	Active	1	Own
12	Stonewall	12	3	15	37	60	32	6	48.00	653.65	984.91	1,100.00	2,832.91	1,800.00	Active	1	Own
112	Ophir	10	..	10	9	44	12	5	32.00	20.00	99.50	....	4,460.00	4,300.00	Active	1	Own
123	Transcona	10	11	21	23	123	40	17	254.50	137.16	354.77	....	3,401.87	500.00	Active	1	Rent
131	Kildonan	9	2	11	12	87	35	17	175.00	461.40	1,048.74	104.05	3,152.38	4,500.00	Active	1	Own
134	Stony Mountain .	11	3	14	29	20	15	6	93.00	30.00	249.00	....	2,549.00	1,400.00	Active	1	Own
148	Seven Oaks	10	..	10	16	81	33	14	103.00	71.67	290.68	293.80	5,917.22	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
151	The Dormer ...	9	1	10	3	49	27	3	23.00	89.50	313.24	80.00	1,996.21	500.00	Active	1	Rent
154	Pine Falls	12	1	13	17	30	11	6	28.00	10.00	246.56	88.89	1,946.03	400.00	Active	1	Rent
156	Manitouwapa ...	7	1	8	15	41	25	1	7.50	66.15	382.27	213.70	1,069.57	500.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1945

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
130	Fort Garry	9	9	18	41	162	60	26	262.00	169.00	110.09	168.00	4,529.32	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
136	Capitol	9	5	14	33	142	55	27	250.00	245.00	439.35	....	2,100.00	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
137	Lord Selkirk ...	9	2	11	21	77	37	14	177.00	213.90	919.46	346.20	3,905.31	250.00	Active	1	Rent
138	Windsor	9	4	13	12	113	45	22	248.50	35.00	487.22	80.00	13,938.55	12,000.00	Active	1	Own
139	Beaver	9	6	15	62	167	60	45	378.47	185.00	798.07	100.00	4,135.14	500.00	Active	1	Rent
140	Meridian	9	4	13	41	231	75	46	445.00	356.36	739.00	477.00	11,059.11	1,000.00	Active	1	Own
141	Tuscan	9	1	10	17	57	22	14	213.50	148.70	402.80	26.96	1,757.93	350.00	Active	1	Rent
143	Mount Sinai ...	9	5	14	30	211	60	10	113.00	172.00	747.12	930.44	8,082.18	500.00	Active	1	Rent
144	Fort Osborne ..	9	4	13	24	105	40	9	75.66	124.01	451.89	100.00	3,666.91	500.00	Active	1	Rent
145	Sturgeon Creek .	9	7	16	24	80	..	4	32.00	141.00	59.83	....	2,724.60	800.00	Active	1	Rent
146	Fidelity	9	4	13	13	129	51	21	260.00	216.58	806.75	180.00	4,932.81	200.00	Active	1	Own

STATISTICAL REPORT OF LODGES UNDER SPECIAL SUPERVISION OF THE M.W. THE GRAND MASTER FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1945.

124	The Pas	10	4	14	45	54	25	11	82.50	....	....	11,106.90	1,195.31	6,400.00	Active	1	Own
153	Flin Flon	11	10	21	32	72	30	8	75.00	80.00	1,103.48	3,079.60	6,303.09	6,000.00	Active	1	Own

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
Alabama	Guy T. Smith	Montgomery
Alberta	George Moore	Calgary
Alpina	F. Muller-Ruegg	Berne, Switzerland
Arizona	Harry A. Drachman	Tucson
Arkansas	W. A. Thomas	Little Rock
British Columbia	W. R. Simpson	Vancouver—692 Seymour Ave.
California	Lloyd E. Wilson	San Francisco
Canada (in Ontario)	Ewart G. Dixon	Hamilton, P.O. Drawer 217
Chili	Rene Court	Santiago
Colombia	Jose G. Fabre Americo Carnicelli (Ext.)	 Bogota, Apartado 2519
Colorado	H. W. Bundy	Denver, 319 Masonic Temple.
Connecticut	Winthrop Buck	Hartford
Costa Rica	Enrique Chaves Bolanos	San Jose, Apt. "Y"
Cuba	Dr. Constantino Pais	Havana, Apartado 72
Delaware	Chester R. Jones	Wilmington, 813 Market St.
Denmark	A. T. K. Troedsson	Copenhagen, 23 Blegdamsvej.
District of Columbia	Aubrey H. Clayton	Washington, D. C.
Equador	Jose A. Vallejo Ycaza	Guayaquil
England	Sydney A. White	London
Egypt	Mohammed Bey Riffatt	Cairo, Box 148
Florida	Geo. W. Huff	Jacksonville (2)
France, G. L.		
France, N. G. L.		
Guatemala	Pedro Donis O.	Guatamala City
Georgia	Daniel W. Locklin	Macon
Honduras, C. A.	Constantino S. Ramos	Honduras, C. A.
Idaho	Clyde I. Rush	Boise, P.O. Box 1667
Illinois	R. C. Davenport	Harrisburg
Indiana	William H. Swintz	Indianapolis
Iowa	Earl B. Dalzell	Cedar Rapids
Ireland	Henry C. Shellard	Dublin
Kansas	Elmer F. Strain	Topeka
Kentucky	Al. E. Orton	Louisville, 200 Shubert Bldg.
Louisiana	D. Peter Laguens Jr.	New Orleans
Maine	Convers E. Leach	Portland
Manitoba	Peter T. Pilkey	Winnipeg
Maryland	Claud Shaffer	Baltimore
Massachusetts	Frank H. Hilton	Boston, 51 Boylston Ave.
Mexico, York G. D.	Fred T. Berger	Mexico City, D.F. Apt. 1896.
Michigan	F. Homer Newton	Grand Rapids
Minnesota	John H. Anderson	St. Paul
Mississippi	Sid. F. Curtis	Meridian, Box 1030
Missouri	Harold L. Reader	Kansas City
Montana	Luther T. Hauberg	Helena
Nebraska	Lewis E. Smith	Omaha
Netherlands		
Nevada	E. C. Peterson	Carson City, 500 Mountain St.
New Brunswick	R. D. Magee	Saint John, P.O. Box 430.
New Hampshire	J. Melvin Dresser	Concord, 44 S. Main St.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES—Continued

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
New Jersey	Isaac Cherry	Trenton
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque
New South Wales	Jas. S. Miller	Sydney
New York	Charles H. Johnson	New York
New Zealand	H. A. Lamb	Christchurch, C. I. P.O. Box 1293
North Carolina	John H. Anderson	Raleigh
North Dakota	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo
Northern China, D.G.L.		
Norway		
Nova Scotia	R. V. Harris	Halifax
Ohio	Harry S. Johnson	Cincinnati
Oklahoma	Claude A. Sturgeon	Guthrie
Oregon	Harry D. Proudfoot	Portland
Panama	Jose Oller	Panama, Apartado 84
Paraiba	Augusto de Almeida Simoes	Paraiba Brazil, P.O. Box 3
Pennsylvania	Matthew Galt, Jr.	Philadelphia
Philippine Islands		
Puerto Rico	Rodolfo Ramirez Pabon	San Juan
Prince Edward Island	L. A. McDougall	Charlottetown, P.O. Box 112.
Quebec	W. W. Williamson	Montreal
Queensland	Leslie P. Marks	Brisbane, Box 675K, G.P.O.
Rhode Island	H. L. McAuslan	Providence
Rio de Janeiro	Dionysio Coutinho	Rio de Janeiro, P.O. Box 2215
Santa Domingo	Jose Marie Perez Andujar	Santa Domingo
Saskatchewan	Robert A. Tate	Regina
Sao Paulo	Joffre Prestes	Sao Paulo, Brazil, P.O. Box 261
Scotland	W. King Gillies	Edinburgh, 96 George St.
South Africa	F. L. Knight	Cape Town
South Australia	R. Owen Fox	Adelaide
South Carolina	O. Frank Hart	Columbia
South Dakota	E. F. Strain	Sioux Falls
Tasmania	W. H. Strutt	Hobart
Tennessee	Thomas E. Doss	Nashville, P.O. Box 216
Texas	George H. Belew	Waco
Utah	E. R. Gibson	Salt Lake City
Vermont	Aaron H. Grout	Burlington
Victoria	William Stewart	Melbourne, 25 Collins St
Vienna		
Virginia	James F. Clift	Richmond
Washington	John L. Preisener	Tacoma
West Virginia	I. Wade Coffman	Charleston, P.O. Box 2346
Western Australia	A. E. Jensen	Perth, Box d-117, G.P.O.
Wisconsin	William F. Weiler	Milwaukee
Wyoming	Irving E. Clark	Casper

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
Alabama	Chas. H. Stubinger	Birmingham	Mar. 10, 1937
Alberta	Samuel Harris	High Prairie	Jan. 2, 1941
Alpina	Wm. Planta	Berne, Switzerland	Sept. 2, 1941
Arizona	Rev. Robt. S. Calder	Phoenix	Jan. 31, 1940
Arkansas	John H. Pinson	El-Dorado	Mar. 27, 1925
British Columbia	Donald Adams	Revelstoke	Oct. 13, 1930
Canada (in Ontario)	Chas. S. Hamilton	Toronto	Mar. 22, 1944
Chili	Artouro de la Cruz	Santiago	Oct. 14, 1929
Colombia	Alfred G. Williams	Bogota	Nov. 24, 1942
Colorado	Ira C. Foster	Montrose	Feb. 24, 1940
Connecticut	Willard A. Hunt	Forestville	April 22, 1939
Costa Rica	Eric C. Murray	San Jose	Aug. 1, 1921
Cuba, Island of	Tomas E. Sierra	Havana	June 6, 1923
Delaware	Louis S. Cain	Wilmington	Jan. 29, 1927
Denmark	A. T. K. Troedsson	Copenhagen	Sept. 4, 1946
District of Columbia	Needham C. Tumage	Washington	July 20, 1908
Ecuador	Octavio Moran	Guayaquil	July 21, 1932
England	The Rt. Hon. Viscount de Vesci	Monk Hopton, Bridgnorth	Nov. 25, 1939
Egypt	Alfred Seffer	Cairo	Dec. 8, 1925
Florida	Frank H. Brown	Miami	April 2, 1940
France, G.L.	Louis Doignon	Paris	Nov. 29, 1926
France, N.G.L.	J. C. D. Scarlett	Paris	April 26, 1936
Guatemala	Irving Stahl	Guatemala	Oct. 31, 1945
Georgia	John A. Bishop	Atlanta	Feb. 1, 1933
Honduras	Jesus M. Lopez	Honduras	Dec. 1, 1931
Idaho	Neil R. Fitch	Payette	Dec. 9, 1941
Illinois	G. Haven Stephens	Danville	Aug. 30, 1924
Indiana	Harry J. Beers	New Albany	Feb. 5, 1945
Ireland	David Ferris	Newry	Nov. 1, 1921
Kansas	Harold B. Groff	Topeka	Sept. 18, 1936
Kentucky	John L. Vest	Walton	Aug. 15, 1927
Louisiana	Thomas Gessner	Hammond	May 10, 1940
Maine	Porter A. Roberts	Portland	July 20, 1937
Maryland	Chas. Reichhardt	Baltimore	Feb. 5, 1944
Massachusetts	Edwin O. Childs	Newton	Nov. 5, 1936
Mexico, York G.L.	R. B. E. Turnbull	Mexico City	July 6, 1933
Michigan	Louis Anderson	Omena	June 1, 1932
Minnesota	Lloyd Peabody	St. Paul	Nov. 29, 1931
Mississippi	A. F. Copeland	Leland	April 19, 1932
Missouri	Harris C. Johnston	Boonville	Nov. 16, 1936
Montana	W. J. Johnston	Thompson Falls	July 8, 1937
Nebraska	Ernest C. Purdy	Gordon	July 7, 1943
Netherlands	K. G. Jorksveld	Utrecht	Feb. 2, 1939
Nevada	Sam. P. Kafoury	Reno	June 2, 1933
New Brunswick	Alfred Page	Woodstock	April 14, 1939
New Hampshire	Donald W. Hopkins	Greenfield	Aug. 27, 1943
New Jersey	James F. Russell	Jersey City	April 1, 1923
New Mexico	John G. Benton	Jal	Dec. 4, 1945
New South Wales	E. E. Cupit	Sydney	Oct. 13, 1923
New York	Julius N. Hoff	Brooklyn	Mar. 15, 1945
New Zealand	Gilbert T. Bull	Gisborne	Oct. 15, 1909
North Carolina	J. L. Peacock	Tarboro	July, 1935

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES—Continued

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
North Dakota	Paul B. Griffiths	Grand Forks	Jan. 5, 1939
Norway	Jas. W. Berg	Oslo	Nov. 1, 1924
Nova Scotia	Rev. G. R. Thompson	Truro	May 18, 1943
Ohio	Forest R. Dwyer	Bradford	July 28, 1943
Oklahoma	Lyle H. Ball	Laverne	Jan. 12, 1943
Oregon	Wilmot K. Royal	Portland	Dec. 4, 1933
Panama	Raymond L. Toledano	Panama	Dec. 1, 1926
Paraiba	Dr. Arlindo Correa	Paraiba, Brazil	July 10, 1939
Philippine Islands	Gonzalo T. Vales	Manila	Feb. 6, 1940
Puerto Rico	Leon G. Reyes	Caguas	May 4, 1945
Prince Edward Island	Donald Baker	Summerside	May 8, 1936
Quebec	W. R. Allen	Montreal	Jan. 14, 1918
Queensland	William K. McLuckie	Brisbane	June 1, 1923
Rhode Island	Jas. B. Littlefield	Providence	Sept. 18, 1943
Rio de Janeiro	L. Bert Love	Rio de Janeiro	Nov. 11, 1944
Sao Paulo	Carlos Reis Filho	Sao Paulo, Brazil	Jan. 5, 1939
Saskatchewan	F. C. Hayes	Swift Current	July 23, 1945
Scotland	Rev. Hugh F. Reid	Chirnside	Jan. 8, 1930
South Australia	E. J. Copping	Adelaide	Aug. 1, 1930
South Carolina	William W. Gregory	Inman	May 15, 1934
South Dakota	W. D. Swain	Sioux Falls	Jan. 15, 1937
Tasmania	R. V. W. Green	Launceston	April 24, 1928
Tennessee	Ira Parker	Nashville	Mar. 1, 1932
Texas	J. W. Pender	Denton	Mar. 1, 1931
Utah	John W. Buck	Park City	Oct. 4, 1945
Vermont	A. Horace Winchester	Brattleboro	Jan. 5, 1944
Victoria	Edgar J. Carter	Melbourne	Sept. 10, 1934
Virginia	R. A. Hutchison	Manassas	Mar. 27, 1942
Washington	A. E. Emerson	Ellenburg	Dec. 8, 1916
West Virginia	Charles B. Ahrens	Wheeling	Aug. 17, 1939
Western Australia	Arthur G. Stiles	Perth	Aug. 16, 1934
Wisconsin	Ray H. Watson	Milwaukee	May 1, 1939

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Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date	
Alabama	Francis H. Dagg	Holland	Mar.	31, 1920
Alberta	Hugh M. Kerr	Brandon	Nov.	25, 1930
Alpina (Switzerland)	W. C. Birt	Winnipeg	Oct.	22, 1930
Arizona	Oliver L. Best	Winnipeg	Mar.	29, 1944
Arkansas				
British Columbia	J. C. Grant	Winnipeg	Oct.	1, 1945
Canada (in Ontario)	W. D. Lawrence	Winnipeg	Sept.	13, 1940
Chili	N. J. Black	Winnipeg	May	13, 1920
Colombia	T. W. Neelands	Swan River	Feb.	12, 1939
Colorado	K. R. Kennedy	Winnipeg	Mar.	5, 1938
Connecticut	M. S. Donovan	Brandon	May	21, 1935
Costa Rica	R. McKenzie	Roland	May	30, 1923
Cuba, Island of	J. Morgan Davies	Winnipeg	May	27, 1940
Delaware	H. A. Adair	Treherne	Jan.	23, 1946
Denmark	Stanley H. Fahrni	Portage la Prairie	Oct.	17, 1930
District of Columbia	A. H. Steventon	Winnipeg	May	18, 1932
Ecuador	S. W. Robertson	Winnipeg	April	26, 1946
Egypt	Edward T. Hardman	Newdale	June	2, 1934
England	Justice Wm. J. Major	Winnipeg	June	12, 1935
Florida	S. Hart Green	Winnipeg	April	30, 1945
France, N.G.L.	Chas. Midwinter	Winnipeg	Mar.	3, 1937
France, G.L.				
Guatemala	E. J. Smillie	Elgin	Apr.	20, 1946
Georgia				
Honduras	A. G. Cowan	Winnipeg	Oct.	17, 1930
Idaho	D. A. Best	Sturgeon Creek	Apr.	21, 1945
Illinois	William R. Leslie	Morden	June	21, 1931
Indiana	Robert E. Emmett	St. James	April	3, 1944
Ireland	John T. Boyd	Winnipeg	Oct.	3, 1935
Kansas	Jabez Miller	Winnipeg	June	15, 1914
Kentucky	Wm. McLellan	Winnipeg	Oct.	10, 1945
Louisiana	Charles E. Cole	Portage la Prairie	Feb.	28, 1938
Maine	W. D. Harper	Emerson	Jan.	19, 1937
Maryland	David Ferguson	Moosehorn	Nov.	5, 1945
Massachusetts	Hugh A. Innes	Winnipeg	May	1, 1945
Mexico, York G.L.	M. A. Nitikman	Winnipeg	May	23, 1940
Michigan	Dr. O. S. Ross	Virden	Mar.	1, 1941
Minnesota	Ben C. Parker	Winnipeg	Jan.	13, 1938
Mississippi	Peter T. Pilkey	Winnipeg	Feb.	9, 1945
Missouri	Maris H. Garton	Winnipeg	Jan.	31, 1934
Montana	M. S. Watson	Deloraine	Feb.	26, 1941
Nebraska	Hugh Mackenzie	Winnipeg	Nov.	15, 1935
Netherlands	A. L. Crossin	Winnipeg	July	9, 1921
Nevada				
New Brunswick	Canon Geo. R. Calvert	Winnipeg	April	27, 1938
New Hampshire	George Hunter	Winnipeg	Dec.	6, 1926
New Jersey	Wm. G. Corbett	Stonewall	May	27, 1940
New Mexico	H. B. Donnelly	St. Vital	July	1937
New South Wales	James Mackie	Winnipeg	June	10, 1921
New York	Rev. Geo. A. Woodside	Winnipeg	May	14, 1932
New Zealand	Samuel Burland	St. Vital	Mar.	22, 1937
North Carolina	Robert Peel	Miniota	Sept.	4, 1941
North Dakota	J. Frank Dart	McKenzie Island	Jan.	18, 1937
Norway	J. P. McKinnon	MacGregor	Oct.	24, 1920
Nova Scotia	David S. Woods	Winnipeg	Oct.	13, 1926
Ohio	Arthur E. Boyle	Winnipeg	June	10, 1924

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA—Continued

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date	
Oklahoma	Harry M. Smith	Melita	Feb.	24, 1941
Oregon	J. James Henderson	Shoal Lake	June	20, 1924
Paraiba				
Philippine Islands				
Panama	R. Ernest Evans	Winnipeg	Mar.	22, 1946
Puerto Rico	George V. Henderson	Strathclair	July	5, 1941
Prince Edward Island	Thomas R. Falconer	Deloraine	May	7, 1931
Quebec	Harvey T. Waters	Winnipeg	May	17, 1940
Queensland	J. D. Harrower	Wawanesa	Jan.	24, 1946
Rhode Island	Dr. I. R. C. Evans	Brandon	Oct.	18, 1945
Rio de Janeiro	H. T. Trethewey	MacGregor	Dec.	13, 1945
Santa Domingo	William G. Shaw	Elgin	May	30, 1932
Saskatchewan	Alex. Burgess	Winnipeg	Jan.	21, 1937
Scotland	William Douglas	Winnipeg		1936
South Australia	Daniel Hawe	Benito	Jan.	14, 1931
South Carolina	Chas. R. Sayer	Winnipeg	May	20, 1940
South Dakota	Jas. Wardrope	Winnipeg	Apr.	10, 1945
Tasmania	Thos. Dodsworth	Winnipeg	July	21, 1945
Tennessee	James S. MacEwing	Treherne	Oct.	15, 1913
Texas	H. G. Kilpatrick	Forrest	Feb.	14, 1941
Utah	Donald MacDonald	Ninette	May	24, 1941
Vermont	Dr. Frank K. Purdie	Griswold	May	13, 1932
Victoria	Raymond M. Snider	Stonewall	June	20, 1945
Vienna				
Virginia	Harry Woods	Winnipeg	Aug.	7, 1935
Washington	George R. Mackay	Winnipeg	May	20, 1929
West Virginia	David Griffith	St. Vital	Nov.	27, 1944
Western Australia				
Wisconsin	Norman M. Hall	Winnipeg	May	7, 1945

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

HUGH M. KERR
Chairman

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STATE OF CRAFT

KENTUCKY. Grand Master. 1945

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Masonry has decidedly been "on the move" in this Jurisdiction. Our officers and committees will report the statistics to you during the session. The tangible gains in membership and in physical assets have been among the greatest in history of our Grand Lodge. To these tangible gains have been added those great intangibles which are inevitably the by-products of such achievements. Growing, successful lodges are happier lodges, their officers inspired to better work, their members more interested, their influence in the community greater. In all these things we rejoice, but at the same time we pray that these additions to the Masonic structure have been built into it soundly and firmly so that no weakness will be exposed when adverse winds blow.

The historical experience of this and other organizations has been that in eras of material prosperity, war, or economic conditions which bring people from small communities into the industrial or commercial centers, social and fraternal societies enjoy substantial growth. Such conditions beget a sense of loneliness and isolation which drives these victims of dislocated relationships to seek the shelter, comfort, and companionship of the Masonic Lodge. By the same token the reversal of these conditions, or a period of depression, result in a reversal of this trend and all gains may disappear.

The most dangerous period for us is a period of prosperity. Upon us rests the heavy responsibility of making certain that these new members are properly instructed. They have come to us looking for bread. See ye to it that they are not handed a stone. Ours is the responsibility of conferring the degrees in such manner as to impress these postulants with their dignity, their beauty, their philosophy and their power to enrich the lives of men. Ours is the responsibility of seeing to it that the new brother shall find in the lodge a sympathetic, cordial atmosphere in which he is welcomed with a degree of personal solicitude that satisfies the craving of his soul for friendly, understanding brotherhood. If we measure up to that responsibility we shall have been both wise and good Masons and may contemplate with serene confidence the recession of the tide which has always followed its flooding.

The last great flood tide was a quarter of a century ago, at which time thousands of applicants were accepted without proper "screening" and without proper preparation or "processing." The ritual exemplifications were "streamlined" until their real purpose and value disappeared. Candidates learned only a few means of identification and nothing of the beauty, the philosophy, or the ideology of the great institution of Freemasonry. Hence it was perfectly natural that they experienced no real interest or enthusiasm and ultimately became unaffiliated as the logical result of disappointment and indifference. I have no patience with those Masonic speakers and writers who criticize these men who fell away from us in such numbers in the past decade and a half. We were ourselves at fault more than they, and our beloved fraternity became the victim of our own apostasy. Let us here and now highly resolve that this shall never happen again.

NEW SOUTH WALES. Grand Inspector of Workings. 1945

The number of candidates applying for admission into the Craft continues to be large. It is not uncommon to find on summonses petitions from five candidates and I have seen during the quarter applications by seven candidates and some notices with the names of nine applicants. One wonders whether we are not increasing our numbers too rapidly. It is to be hoped that the large number of new Brethren that we have been admitting into our ranks will maintain a permanent interest in our institution and not call off after a brief membership. To assist in this direction Worshipful Masters and Officers in addition to exercising the utmost care in regard to the admission of candidates might remember that their obligations to them are not completed with the conferring of the three degrees but that they should see that their Lodges, and what is just as important, their Souths, are conducted in such a dignified and interesting yet sociable manner that these Brethren will appreciate the ideals and teachings of our institution and will enjoy and value highly the good fellowship that exists in the order.

NORTH CAROLINA. Grand Master. 1945

SUNDAY WORK

A young man petitioned for the Degrees and was elected in "M" Lodge in his neighborhood in 1944, and was called for service in the Armed Forces before he was elected or initiated. He was at home on twenty-four hour leave on Sunday, January 28, 1945, and went to church that night. There were nine members of the Lodge at the church service that night. Among the nine members at the church, there were a Past Master, the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden, the Secretary and five others. Immediately after the church service, the nine officers and members and the elected petitioner went to the lodge room a short distance away and, according to the minutes, a Master Mason's Lodge was opened in due form and the candidate was initiated "in due form."

The question seems to have been raised as to the propriety of doing such Masonic work on Sunday, but it was decided that the supposed "emergency" caused by the limited military leave of the candidate would justify the proceeding, since no one present knew of any Masonic law forbidding the making of Masons on Sunday.

The officers acting on this occasion soon discovered their mistake and on February 26th, of their own motion, wrote me confessing their guilt and imploring pardon.

Upon investigation, I found the facts set out above.

I charged the acting Master, a Past Master, and the Senior Warden with the following violations of the Code.

(a) Calling a Lodge without any notice to more than two-thirds of the members and without the knowledge or consent of the Master.

(b) Attempting to confer a Masonic Degree on Sunday. I have required of the Master of "M" Lodge to give me his firm promise that immediately upon the return of the candidate to his home for a sufficient time, he shall be healed as set out in Section 148 of the Code by being re-obligated as an Entered Apprentice in a regular lodge on the First Degree of Masonry, since the meeting of January 28th was not regular.

I have cited the Acting Master and the Senior Warden of "M" Lodge, acting on that occasion, to appear before me today, in Raleigh, to further explain their parts and responsibilities.

SOUTH CAROLINA. Grand Master. 1945

Because of the unusual amount of work being done throughout the State there is a danger of becoming lax in the matter of investigating sufficiently all applicants. In a number of instances rejected material has been elected by other Lodges and part if not all of the Degrees conferred before the mistake was discovered. In two instances the Applicant stated that he had been rejected previously and in the face of this the Lodge went ahead and conferred the Degrees. This, we learned was due to ignorance of the law which in itself is bad enough but at least there appeared to be no evidence of wrong intent. Be sure of the material you are receiving. The Grand Secretary's report will show a net increase of 3,214. What a tremendous responsibility rests upon the Lodges to assimilate these newly made Brethren into Masonry.

In the main peace and harmony has prevailed throughout the Jurisdiction. There have been some minor disturbances but all have been handled in a fine, brotherly manner which has been very encouraging.

WEST VIRGINIA. Grand Master. 1945

Much work has been done this year in our Grand Jurisdiction, and we have again made a very substantial gain in membership, 1,566. At the moment we cannot foresee whether or not this is a natural, justifiable gain. Many of us recall the disastrous consequences of making Masons too fast, and not guarding well the entrance to Freemasonry, after the last war, and we hope that this same condition will not occur again. While we have, undoubtedly, made Masons too fast during this war period, still I am of the opinion that our gain has been a natural one. There were very important moral issues involved in this War, which created a desire for good men to attach themselves to an established organization with high principles, such as Masonry. It is our fervent hope that such has been the case, and that these new members, represented by our gain, will continue to be workers among us in helping to build goodwill and fraternal fellowship throughout the world.

CANADA (IN ONTARIO). Grand Master. 1945

Last year I directed your attention, indirectly it is true, to the necessity for careful selection of candidates for the privileges of Ancient Freemasonry. The developments of the succeeding months made it seem so necessary for me to place this matter more definitely before you that I had a letter sent to every member of the Craft informing all that, "my concern is that our Masonry may again become too popular and that our members and lodges may by mistaken zeal be too enthusiastic and anxious for members." As stated in my last Address this problem is not confined to the Masonry of Ontario for many Grand Masters on this continent have similarly expressed themselves. Even across the seas, the United Grand Lodge of England has evidently had similar concern as is evidenced by the Report of the Board of General Purposes of that Grand Lodge submitted on December 6th, 1944, from which I quote, "The Board considers it necessary, once again, to remind members of lodges of the necesity to exercise the utmost care in proposing and seconding candidates. . . . It cannot be too strongly stressed that their acquaintance with the candidate must be of such a nature that they can, **by their personal knowledge,** vouch that he is a man of good reputation and integrity and well fitted to become a member of the lodge."

The response to my letter to the Craft has been most encouraging; many letters have been received all commending the Grand Master. In addition, several lodges have sought my counsel further on the question and some have taken steps to make certain that, as far as is humanly possible, the examination of all applications will be adequate to ensure that only men of "good reputation and integrity" imbued with a desire for knowledge and a willingness to assist in Masonry's mission will be admitted to their membership. I cannot too strongly emphasize what I said in my letter, "We all recognize that it is a commendable ambition to become a member of our Fraternity, but each of us must realize our obligation to the Craft in recommending only those applicants who have the **moral and intellectual qualifications to appreciate its teachings and to live and act according to its precepts.**" Let me repeat my former request, "Let us make certain that there shall be no repetition of former experiences which were foretold by Grand Masters a quarter of a century ago when they pleaded for more care in guarding our portals and when their plea so often went unheeded."

NEW JERSEY. Grand Master. 1945

REQUIREMENTS FOR VISITORS

It has been brought to my attention that members have vouched for visitors because they sat in lodge at some time, yet have no knowledge that the one they vouch for is in good standing. Many of these visitors have been suspended Masons and only last year I learned of two visitors, vouched for, who are members of a clandestine lodge. To correct this, the Grand Secretary has been instructed to have placards printed for distribution to the lodges and to be displayed in the ante-room when they meet, bearing the following notice:

> "Visitors, whether or not vouched for, must present a receipt for dues for the current year or proceeding year, before being allowed to sign the register, or being given an examination."

IDAHO. Grand Master. 1945

During the past year nothing exceptional has been undertaken, but a spectacular increase in membership has been made not only in Idaho but in most of the other jurisdictions. Masonry is at flood tide, and the most dangerous time for us is a period of prosperity. Upon us rests the heavy responsibility of making certain these new members are properly assimilated. It is our responsibility to see that these new brothers shall find in Lodge a sympathetic, cordial atmosphere into which they will be welcomed with a degree of personal solicitude that will make them feel "at home." If we take our responsibility seriously enough we need not fear too much the recession of the tide which is bound to come.

NORTH DAKOTA. Grand Master. 1945

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT

We believe that the trend towards stronger lodge finances and membership, which has been evident in the last few years, has advanced to a marked degree. With very few exceptions, lodges have had work in all degrees, and candidates have been knocking at their doors for admission. Along with this condition has come a strengthening of the finances of each lodge. We believe that reports at the end of the last calendar year will reflect the largest increase since the start of the upturn.

WASHINGTON. Grand Master. 1945

Were I to submit a report on Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction I would sum it all up in these words: "Masonry is at the flood tide. It is riding the crest of the wave." Let us hope that the ebb tide leaves no flotsam and jetsam upon the beach.

LOUISIANA. Grand Master. 1945

The continued prosperity that has been ours, and the renewed activity and zeal among all of the Lodges throughout the entire State of Louisiana, makes this section of my report one of great pleasure.

The Grand Secretary's report will indicate a substantial gain in membership in excess of 10% and from my own personal knowledge and contact with many of the Lodges throughout the State, there seems to be a great deal of Degree work in progress. I have officially visited, personally, many of the Lodges throughout the State, especially in my own area, and have also visited the District meeting, and from the interest shown I believe Masonry will continue its upward trend for many years to come. In this respect I hope that the Lodges will profit from the mistakes of the past especially during and at the close of World War No. 1 when there was a great influx in our Fraternity and perhaps due to the enthusiasm evidenced at that period there may have been some laxity in the strict investigation of applicants at the time and as a result when the depression arrived many of the members who had come in at the prosperity period separated themselves from Masonry and I here sound a word of caution to all of the Lodges to guard well the outer door.

NEVADA. Grand Master. 1945

However, I would feel remiss in my duties, and indeed recreant, if I did not call your attention to an evil, which if permitted to assume proportions of greater magnitude, might undermine the foundations upon which Freemasonry has been erected. "It is fundamental in Masonry to place our Order above any personal consideration in our relations with each other, to the end that no grievance, real or imaginary, be permitted to threaten the spirit of brotherhood which cements us." There is a place for the discussion of Masonic controversies, but it is not in public places and in the sight and hearing of the profane. It is deplorable to learn that our Lodge business becomes general information in a community, by virtue of the fact that some of the membership did not use proper discretion in what may have seemed to them trivial or at least of little importance. Speaking derogatorily or disparagingly of another Mason is truly a Masonic offense. We as individual Masons are not clothed with the authority to pronounce judgment as to the guilt of another; we can only charge him by accusation. Few instances of this kind have been manifested in our jurisdiction, but these old sores have been permitted to fester long enough, and should be lanced; and if then they do not heal, amputation of the affected part is recommended within the next year.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. Grand Master. 1945

ADMISSION OF CANDIDATES

> "It would appear by the frequency with which the subject of admission of candidates is discussed by Grand Lodges and the questions which are raised from time to time, that members of Lodges should be constantly reminded of the necessity to exercise the utmost care in proposing and seconding candidates for Initiation. From reports received, it is frequently thought that the responsibility of those introducing candidates has not been fully appreciated."

When Constitution 106 was amended in October, 1942, special attention was directed to the declaration of the sponsors to the effect that their acquaintance with the candidate must be of such a nature that they can, **by their personal knowledge**, vouch that he is a man of good reputation and qualified in every way to become a member of the Fraternity.

The authorised statement issued to an intending candidate (and the Board lays strong emphasis on the requirement that every candidate should receive such on his first enquiry) is a summary of important facts which should be known as the first step towards making application, but it is feared that many candidates have never been made aware of those requirements or, if they have, have shown an utter disregard for them.

Personal knowledge of a candidate means more than casual acquaintanceship, and although there is a prescribed minimum period of 12 months for a candidate to be known, it is, in addition, the extent of the knowledge which is important. Unfortunately many instances have come under notice where grave doubt exists as to the adequacy of the investigation, and Lodges are asked to exercise every possible caution to see that only those who are suitable are admitted to the Craft

QUEBEC. Grand Master. 1945

The report of the Grand Secretary indicates a record increase in membership in the order. The members on the rolls of our Constituent Lodges now number 14,292. It is quite understandable that in times such as we are now passing through there is a substantial increase in the number of applications received. May I reiterate and emphasize the warning of my forerunners in this office, as the applications increase, so let our care in selection increase. Now is the time to be more certain than ever that every candidate approved by election, will make others more desirous to join us in the years to come. Increase in earnestness, and improvement in moral standing, are difficult when the standard is already high. My Brethren, I earnestly exhort you to keep our standard high, to raise rather than to lower our admission requirements, lest numbers weaken, rather than strengthen our order. Let it always be said of every member in this great Province, "That he is a Freemason indeed."

The question of the admission of applicants having physical disabilities has been carefully considered, and we have reached the conclusion that no general rule can be laid down. Each case must be dealt with separately, and in such a manner as to have no permanent effect on our ancient practice.

RULINGS AND DECISIONS

WASHINGTON. Grand Master. 1945

I was asked the following questions:

> "In 1925 there was admitted to membership by initiation in G Lodge a man who is at present a resident of K Jurisdiction, and who has resided here for the past 10 years.
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> "About ten years after his initiation, this man was dropped for N.P.D.
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> "A few years ago, he applied to above Lodge for reinstatement and submitted with his application a remittance

for his unpaid dues. The report of the investigating committee was favorable, but the ballot was otherwise.

"This man now wants to make application to K Lodge for admission to membership.

"The question is: Can he apply to this Lodge for admission, and if so, on what basis?"

I replied as follows:

"The Brother in question has the status of a non-affiliate without dimit (Section 1506 as amended). His unsuccessful attempt to become reinstated in G Lodge does not alter his status.

"He is entitled under Section 1507 (as amended) to apply for and receive a certificate from the Secretary of G Lodge showing that he was dropped N.P.D., the date thereof, and the amount owing the Lodge **at the time of dropping N.P.D.** He may then apply to any Lodge for affiliation by attaching to the petition the above certificate in lieu of dimit, showing also that he has paid his indebtedness to the Lodge as shown **by the certificate.**

"I am not sure that this is quite fair to the fraternity. It gives such a Brother an advantage to which he should not be entitled, but it has been the ruling in the past and I have followed it.

"Of course it is for the Brethren of the petitioned Lodge to say whether he shall be admitted."

A member of B Lodge lodged an objection with the Master of W Lodge to the initiation by W Lodge of one of W Lodge's candidates. The question arose as to whether W Lodge must give effective recognition to the objection. I ruled as follows:

"Under Section 2016 any member of W Lodge may object to the initiation of a candidate in W Lodge who had been affirmatively ballotted upon. Initiation may not proceed for 60 days and if the objection is not withdrawn within that time the candidate stands rejected. The privilege of a member of the Lodge to thus object is further extended by Section 2018.

"Under Section 2019 machinery is provided for a hearing, etc.

"The above privilege of objection to **initiation** is not extended anywhere in the Code to a **member of another Lodge.** I am of the opinion that no member of any Lodge may effectively object to the initiation of a candidate in another Lodge.

"However, under the certain circumstances set out in 2017, objection may be made to advancement of an Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft by **any Lodge** in whose jurisdiction the Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft **previously resided.**

"The objection in the instant case should be ignored by the Master of W Lodge for three reasons:

1. It is not to **advancement.**
2. It is not by a Lodge.
3. It does not come from a Lodge of **prior residence.**"

I expressed the opinion that nothing in the Masonic Law of this Grand Jurisdiction rendered an American-born Chinese ineligible to petition for the degrees of Freemasonry provided he subscribed to the truths, principles and philosophy of our Order; that foreign birth is no disqualification provided all other qualifications existed. However, I expressed the opinion that whether the petition should receive favorable consideration was a matter for the Brethren of the Lodge petitioned.

INDIANA. Grand Master. 1945

March 19, 1945—Gary Lodge No. 677 stated it had a large number of candidates, that there were not sufficient nights in the week or month available to confer the work upon these candidates, that there was another Lodge room adjacent to its own, that it had sufficient officers and brethren fully capable of exemplifying the degree work contemporaneously in both Lodge rooms, and requested a special dispensation to do so. I granted the special dispensation until the next session of the Grand Lodge.

November 8, 1944—A member of Centre Lodge No. 23 had been erroneously suspended for non-payment of dues. I was asked by the Secretary of the Lodge if it would be proper to "purge the minutes and cross this man's name off the list of suspensions, so that his Masonic record will be continuous and show no suspension?" I replied that I did not think it would be proper, that instead a resolution should be introduced to the effect that on a certain date a certain member was suspended on charges for the non-payment of dues; that the suspension was an error because in fact the brother had in due time paid his dues, and that the said brother is now and has been continually a member in good standing entitled to all the privileges and rights of membership.

November 17, 1944—Upon inquiry of Calvin W. Prather Lodge No. 717, I ruled that it could not accept the petition of a Mr. Pon Hin Ho, a Chinese, who, although he had resided in Indianapolis for a number of years, was not an American citizen. I referred this lodge to the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of 1943, pages 32 and 33, where the question was discussed at length.

LOUISIANA. Grand Master. 1945

August 19, to Caddo Lodge 179: May a lodge open Lodge one or more hours ahead of the regular meeting time for the purpose of conferring degrees, at the regular stated meeting time suspend degree work and take up regular business, continue until all regular business is transacted, and then resume degree work until it is finished?

I ruled that this would be in violation of the By-Laws of the Lodge and that any business transacted would be illegal.

August 23, to W. H. Eilers, District Deputy Grand Master, Thirteenth Masonic District: The Master of Istrouma Lodge, not wishing to pass upon the physical qualifications of an applicant who is a close relative of his, requested a direct ruling upon the following questions: (1) May the Lodge accept the application of a man who has an artificial limb which he can handle with great proficiency; and (2) Shall the Lodge slightly change the work and lectures to fit the case or shall they leave them as they are and explain to the candidate the exceptions?

I ruled that if the petitioner can meet our requirements reasonably well he is eligible for the degrees in Masonry.

MICHIGAN. Grand Master. 1945

> 1. "Have Entered Apprentices a right to sit in a Lodge in which they were initiated, regardless of their having been refused advancement."
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> "A Worshipful Master may allow an Entered Apprentice to visit a Lodge of Entered Apprentice even though he has been refused advancement."

Another matter that I want to call to your attention and to ask for a Ruling by this Grand Lodge is the matter of some Lodges paying their secretaries on the basis of a commission on the entire receipts for the year. Some Lodges have this language in their By-Laws, and although I believe in the inherent right of a Lodge to conduct their affairs, I am afraid that this provision might lead to solicitation of candidates by over-zealous secretaries.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. Grand Master. 1945

"There are two matters which have been brought under my notice by the Board of General Purposes and which are of such grave importance that I think I should make some reference to them.

"At the outset, may I say that one of the subjects, which referred to the omission of parts of the ritual, has already been brought before this Grand Lodge at the April Communication, included in the report of the Board, and adopted by this Grand Lodge. More particularly do I refer to the ceremony of the Third Degree. The Board has already stated that it takes a serious view of this departure from the instruction in the special note appearing on the second page of the ritual, which clearly defines the position: namely that the ceremonies of initiation, passing and raising together with the charges attached to those ceremonies, must always be given in full. I am advised that parts have been omitted, such as the Traditional History and the Tracing Board, which latter is a continuation of the legend and recognised by some commentators as one of the landmarks of the Order. On no pretext whatever should these significnt portions of the ritual be omitted—least of all, as is sometimes explained to the candidate, on the excuse that time does not permit of completion of the ceremony. Sometimes I wonder whether the explanation arises from the fact that time is wasted owing to the lack of punctuality in starting the meeting.

"The other question brought before my notice is the control of visiting. The Board, two or three months ago, circularized the Lodges for the purpose of guiding them in the attitude to be taken in instances where excessive visiting has become an embarrassment. There is another aspect of visiting which was not referred to in this circular, but which is equally important, and that is that proper safeguards should be observed against the entry of unqualified persons to our assemblies. Evidence which can be confirmed, has shown that, in some cases, members have availed themselves of the opportunity of attending the Festive Board without being present at the Ceremony, and that others, although unattached, are constant visitors, notwithstanding that the Constitution provides that no Brother who has ceased to be a subscribing member of a Lodge shall have the right of visiting any one Lodge more than once until he again becomes a subscribing member of some lodge. May I make it plain that this does not mean, as some unattached Brethren think, once a year, but it means once until he again subscribes to a Lodge.

"Visiting in moderation is to be encouraged, as it is enjoined that the Master and Wardens of a Lodge should visit other Lodges as often as they conveniently can, but this does not mean an unlimited number of Brethren, unless the invitation has distinctly included officers and Brethren.

"If it is the desire of a Brother to visit a certain Lodge, may I suggest that the courtesy should be observed of approaching the Master or the Secretary and asking whether it would be convenient for him to be present, so that the customs of every-day life may be preserved, even in accepting Masonic hospitality."

IDAHO. Grand Master. 1945

> Q. What should we do with the petition of a man who has a stiff leg and unable to be placed at the altar in due form?
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> A. This is a question which will bother future Grand Masters considerably more than it will me inasmuch as I am quite sure we will have a considerable number of applications from men with physical defects caused by war service who will be qualified in all other ways to take the degrees.

This is a question that all Lodges should study seriously and thoughtfully as it involves our ancient charges, local Lodges, Grand Lodges and the opinions of many distinguished, able and conscientious Masons and has been a perplexing and much discussed question among leaders of the craft for years. Statistics compiled in the year 1943 showed that out of 486 replies received from Grand Lodge officers and prominent Masons throughout the United States, 301 voted for liberalization of the Doctrine of the Perfect Youth and 185 against.

The day of operative Masonry is past. We are moderns and work in speculative Masonry only and we are taught through all of our degrees that it is the internal and not the external qualifications which make a man a Mason. In the days to come if we adhere strictly to the Doctrine of Perfect Youth we may bar a man infinitely superior morally, spiritually and mentally from the privileges of Masonry because of his maimed body, and to deny admission to such a candidate is at variance with all the principles of Freemasonry as a speculative science. I state my personal feelings in the matter when I quote John Marshall, one of the early Grand Masters of Virginia, "A good man who is capable of suporting himself and family, as well as being in a position to contribute, if necessary, to the welfare of his fellow man should never be barred from Masonry because of some physical defect over which he has no control." Each individual case presents a different problem and my opinion in the matter is that the individual Lodge is in a much better position to judge whether the candidate can comply with the essential physical requirements and I would recommend a liberal attitude be taken in every instance where the candidate is in all other ways qualified.

Q. We had a petition which was reported on unfavorably by the committee, and when the ballot was spread there were four past masters who approached the altar and gave the sign but did not vote as they claim there were no more of the kind they wished to use. The Worshipful Master has asked me to write you and get your ruling in the matter.

A. The only recommendation that I can make in the matter is that you have the same number of each type of ballot in the ballot box at the time the candidate is balloted upon as there are members present. This should eliminate the above situation.

Q. I was verbally asked to permit a Lodge to open itself in two different rooms in the same building and confer degrees in them simultaneously.

A. I declined to permit this as I felt that such practice, despite the pressure of work prompting the request, would not only be a departure from established precedents, but would open the door to opportunities for serious and flagrant violations of the code.
I can appreciate the situation of the officers of this Lodge in conferring so many degrees and know that they have spent many long hours at it during the past year but I feel that we should not have mass production.

NOVA SCOTIA. Board of Jurisprudence. 1945

A number of English Masons, not members of this Lodge, desire to hold a Lodge of Instruction in our lodge room, which has not been dedicated. Can this be done? Ans.—Yes, if proper precautions are taken and the premises properly tyled.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA (in Ontario) Grand Master, 1945

In my address a year ago I suggested that we might well give reconsideration to the ruling in reference to the election and installation of a Worshipful Master suffering from a physical disability. The Committee on the Grand Master's Address made a recommendation which was approved by Grand Lodge and in order that this recommendation may readily be known to the Craft it should be included in the Rulings as follows:

> "No member of a lodge, suffering under a physical disability which prevents him from literally complying with our ritual and ceremonies, may hold the office of Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Senior Deacon, or Junior Deacon, without a special dispensation from the Grand Master."

KENTUCKY. Grand Master. 1945

Fleming Lodge No. 112, Flemingsburg, Ky., desired an opinion based upon the following statement of facts:

> QUESTION: At a stated communication of Fleming Lodge No. 112, F. & A.M.. held in their hall June 4, 1945, in a duly opened lodge of Entered Apprentices a class of six were examined and passed for their proficiency.
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> The lodge of Entered Apprentices was closed and lodge of Master Masons called from refreshment to labor and ballot spread collectively on the six members for the Fellow Craft degree. The Junior Warden declared this ballot fair and the Senior Warden and Master declared it dark. Then a ballot was then taken on each member separately. The first candidate voted upon separately, all the officers declared the ballot dark. No other ballot was taken upon this candidate.
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> After the ballot was cast the Master arose and told the lodge to remember the round ball is called fair and elects, the cube is called black and rejects.
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> The other five candidates were declared elected in regular order. After the lodge was closed in due form and before the brethren separated they naturally discussed the black ball. The Junior Warden said he called the ballot fair because heretofore all round balls had been considered fair. The Master and Senior Warden said all the balls were round but one was black. The ballot taken individually, the black one was a cube.
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> When this was known a brother who sat near the Senior Warden said he blacked his round ball with his lead

pencil and held his cube in his hand. When he deposited the round ball he did not do it with the intention of casting a black ball.

At a regular meeting, July 2, the foregoing facts were stated by the different brethren. The lodge after a lengthy discussion of the explanation and the law of a candidate after being black balled having to wait six months before petitioning again.

The lodge unanimously voted to ask for a ruling from the Grand Master upon the validity of the joint ballot based upon the forestated facts.

Did not the Master and Senior Warden err in calling the ballot dark? When it is the custom of the lodge to call all round balls fair. There was no cubes in the box (collective ballot).

Are we not working a hardship upon a brother Entered Apprentice by having him to wait six months when all the trouble was caused by the thoughtlessness of a brother in mutilating his ball and by two officers going against the established order of the lodge.

The lodge accepted these brethren's explanation. Then why should not all the single ballots be decided null and void?

In this case it seems like the innocent has to suffer for the mistakes of others. The cube ballot in the second could have been cast in confusion as no cubes were in the first ballot.

ANSWER: At a stated communication of Fleming Lodge No. 112, F. & A.M., on June 4, 1945, six Entered Apprentice Masons examined as to their proficiency, were approved. The lodge was opened upon the Master Mason degree and the ballot spread upon all six candidates. The result of the ballot was in doubt as the report from the three stations differed, the Junior Warden declaring it fair and the Senior Warden and Master declaring it dark. Instead of clearing the situation by a closer examination the Master ordered a separate ballot taken upon each candidate.

The first candidate to be balloted upon was rejected by one black ball. The black ball cast was a cube so there could be no mistake as to the intention of the ballot. The record does not disclose whether a second ballot was ordered by the Master or not.

After the meeting in a discussion of the matter, it was claimed that it was always understood by the lodge that any ball was an affirmative ballot and the cube alone was a negative ballot; and that it appeared from the recollection of the officers that upon the ballot taken upon all the candidates all the votes were by balls. One brother, however, stated that he had colored one of the balls with a lead pencil and kept the cube with no intention of casting a black ball. It is difficult to understand why the brother would go to the trouble of blacking a ball with a lead pencil and voting it with no intention of casting a black ball. Evidently there was sufficient showing to the Master for him to declare that the ballot taken upon all candidates was a void ballot, and he was evidently right under the circumstances to declare that a separate ballot upon the candidates should be taken.

When the Master declared the ballot upon the six candidates together was void and ordered a separate ballot taken upon the candidates the vote upon the ballot was closed and the result not open for further discussion. The result of a ballot may not be questioned after the result has been declared by the Master and the ballot broken.

That being true, no candidate was or could have been elected by that ballot. When the candidate was balloted separate from the others there was a cube voted so there could be no question of his rejection. The most that could be claimed would be that upon the ballot for all six candidates all the ballots cast were balls, one of which was blackened or colored black with a lead pencil and the Master erred when he declared the ballot dark. Admitting that the Master erred in declaring the ballot dark and ordered a separate ballot, can the lodge set aside a ballot later taken which is admitted to be unfair and substitute for it a ballot that may have been fair although there was a ball cast that had been blackened by a lead pencil which to a disinterested brother would be at least questionable? I think not and so hold.

The candidate is an Entered Apprentice and cannot again be balloted upon for six months. Section 121 Constitution.

Centretown Lodge No. 714, Centretown, Ky., desired an opinion from me based upon the following statement of facts:

QUESTION: Our lodge has a very peculiar case. On October 14, 1944, Mr. Otha Columbus Dodson was elected to take

Entered Apprentice degree. He was brought in and refused to be prepared and his fees were returned. Now, he is anxious to receive the degree. If the ballot were spread again, the result might be the same or it might not. We do not know how to proceed, as he has already appeared once and refused of his own accord. Please give us the proper instructions.

ANSWER: Your lodge elected a candidate for the Entered Apprentice degree. He appeared at the lodge and refused to be prepared for the degree and the lodge refunded him the fees which he paid. You want to know if the lodge can now confer the degree as he has appeared without balloting on him. You also say that he wants to take the degree.

I am of the opinion that when your lodge refunded the fees and he accepted them that he could not receive the degrees without a new petition being presented in due course and a new committee being appointed and reported on as required by our Book of Constitutions. The candidate refusing to take the degree and failing to comply with the implied contract between the lodge and him, forfeited his rights to the degree without a new petition. I believe also that he must wait twelve months before he can again petition, in compliance with Section 119.

SOUTH CAROLINA. Grand Master. 1945

Landmark Lodge No. 76, requested a ruling on the following question:

QUESTION: "On account of the possibility of the original petition being lost in the mails, do you think it would be desirable to send a typewritten copy of the original petition to the investigating committee for signatures, this copy to be attached to the original when returned to the Lodge?"

ANSWER: No, I am unable to find any specific reference to just this sort of situation in our law. However, reason would dictate it seems that the actual petition be signed by the Committee. In this way, too, it would be evident that the Committee had had an opportunity to examine the petition itself. There is too much danger of errors in copying and a slight error could be serious in so important a matter.

Fidelity Lodge No. 304, requested a ruling on the following situation:

At a regular communication, February 13, 1945, three petitions were balloted on. Before the ballot was closed by the Acting Master, the Senior Warden protested the ballot claiming that there were no black cubes in the box. The Acting Master thereupon directed the Senior Deacon to examine the ballot box which he did and reported that there were no black cubes therein. The Acting Master directed that paper ballots be used. The Secretary protested this as improper. The Acting Master then directed that cubes be cut from pieces of wood and placed in the box. The Senior Warden protested this. The Acting Master overruled this protest, had three cubes cut from wood and placed in the box and then ordered a reballot. The Master of the Lodge did not arrive until the balloting was over. However, upon his arrival the Acting Master told him what had happened. It is given as the opinion of the Master and Wardens that the ballot box had been deliberately tampered with and the black cubes purposely removed. They agreed further that in their opinion another ballot under proper circumstances would be most desirable.

I ruled that the election of February 13, 1945, was null and void. and further that another ballot be held for the three candidates involved at the next stated Communication under more proper Masonic circumstances.

Another question was involved in this situation as to whether the Senior Warden or the Acting Master was in authority in the absence of the Master.

Answer: Ordinarily the Senior Warden would be in charge. However, according to Sec. 72 of our Code, "If a Warden, in the absence of the Master, through courtesy, place a Past Master in the chair, such Past Master becomes, pro hac vice, Worshipful Master, and his rulings are the law of the Lodge." Therefore, when this Past Master took the chair at the request of the Senior Warden all powers properly belonging to the Worshipful Master devolved upon him.

YORK GRAND LODGE OF MEXICO. Grand Master. 1945

One of our Lodges consulted me as to the possibility of exercising my powers, as a special mark of respect, to posthumously raise to the degree of a Master Mason a Brother Fellowcraft, who lost his life while on duty with the United States forces. I refused to exercise this so-called prerogative, especially in a peculiar case of this character, as it would be entirely contrary to our philosophy and could only be accomplished by throwing aside all established Masonic law and custom.

I also had under consideration a request, filed by a Constituent Lodge, to arrange through a United States Grand Lodge (recognized by this Grand Jurisdiction) to have the degrees conferred upon a candidate who had presented his petition here some fourteen years ago but, owing to extraordinary circumstances, made no attempt to take the work. I ruled that in accordance with Art. 5, Section 117, of the Grand Lodge Regulations the applicant must forfeit his fee, and that as he no longer lives in Mexico, he should make a new application to one of the Lodges in the State in which he is now permanently resident.

OHIO. Grand Master. 1945

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 60 OF THE CODE

Section 60 of the Masonic Code is that which requires Subordinate Lodges to take cognizance of the conduct of Brethren within their respective Jurisdictions, and reprimand, or suspend, or expel from the privileges of the Order, any Brother who shall, upon trial, be found guilty of unmasonic conduct.

Moved by certain cases in which Lodges had failed to perform the duty laid upon them by this section of the Code, and by the further fact that very rarely, if ever, a Masonic trial does a Lodge any good, M. W. Bro. Stephens, in his Address to the Grand Lodge last year, recommended that Section 60 be amended so as to provide that conviction of a felony, or a plea of guilty to such a charge, shall operate to automatically expel a Brother so charged, from all the privileges of Masonry, and to be restored only by action of the Grand Lodge.

Such an amendment was later presented and will be submitted to you for your action.

There are two classes of crimes under Ohio Law:

> Felonies and Misdemeanors—A felony is a crime punishable by imprisonment in a penitentiary, or by execution. A misdemeanor is a crime punishable by a lesser penalty.

When a Brother has been indicted for a felony in a civil court, and has pleaded guilty thereto, or after due trial has been found guilty and sentenced, why should he be subjected to the further humiliation and embarrassment of being arraigned and tried by his Brethren, when there can be only one result of the proceeding? Or why should his Lodge be compelled to suffer the embarrassment of having to file charges against him and go through the form of a trial, of which there can be but one result under the Code, viz., a verdict of guilty and a sentence of expulsion? One trial should be enough.

And this result must follow, unless the Lodge is to place itself in the position of criticizing the judgments of our courts. This, with our professed loyalty to our government, we cannot do.

I, therefore, strongly recommend the adoption of the proposed amendment.

GENERAL

NEW MEXICO. Grand Master. 1945

In the constituent lodges, every officer has his part to do, In the Grand Lodge the work falls almost entirely upon the Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Lecturer, and District Deputy Grand Masters. The other officers have little to do outside of committee work. At installation last October, I made certain observations which in the course of the year have become convictions. Masons reach the Grand East without extensive acquaintance with situations existing in the Lodges or with the members of the Lodges. My thought is that the expense involved would be a good investment, if the Junior Grand Warden should, in his term, visit and study Lodges in some area outside of his own District. The next year, while he is Senior Grand Warden, he should visit in another area, and in a still different area while he is Deputy Grand Master. The result would be that when, and if, he should reach the Grant East, he will know the Lodges and some of their problems, and he will know the members and will be better able to make good appointments. Masons, likewise, will come to know him and be better able to form an opinion of his worthiness to be advanced. The second thought is that by the time a Brother is advanced to the Grand East, he should have had experience on the most important committees.

ADJUNCT MASONIC BODIES

Masons have been solicited to petition adjunct bodies before they have even received the Master Mason degree. In some cases, petitions are presented for signature when the solicited Mason leaves the Hall after receiving the Master Mason degree. It is to be seriously doubted if Masons, who are not well grounded in the Symbolic degrees, can derive as much benefit from the degrees of adjunct bodies as those who are well grounded. Symbolic Masonry is the foundation of the degrees of the other bodies. In some cases, when a Master Mason is pressured to join other bodies too soon, he is rarely, if ever, later seen in his own Lodge. It is to the interest both of Symbolic Masonry and of the adjunct bodies that an interval of six months elapse between the conferring of the Master Mason degree and the acceptance of a petition for the degrees of an adjunct body. The attainment of proficiency in the Master Mason degree is also desirable as a prerequisite to the acceptance of a petition for the other degrees. Adjunct bodies, if any, which have such a By-Law would do well to enforce it. Those which have no such By-Law would do well to adopt it. Grand Lodge can protect its interests by imposing a penalty on Masons who are in a hurry to join adjunct bodies. Such a course would only penalize the wrong party. It is the other bodies who do the too early solicitation. They should mend their ways for the good of all bodies concerned.

The time needed for voting on petitions and holding proficiency examinations naturally reduces the time available for other purposes, such as Masonic instruction. Long periods spent on these two activities resulted in reducing interest, attention, and attendance. The situation became so urgent that an Edict was issued permitting multiple balloting (Vid infra).

A modification of the method of conducting proficiency examinations has been adopted in several Lodges. This has proved satisfactory, and has resulted in rapt attention to these examinations as well as in saving time. Candidates are placed at random by the Master so that no one of them can know in advance what questions he will be asked. The questions are asked in rotation only once. The result is that members present are satisfied that the candidates without doubt know the answers to all the questions, and no more time is consumed in examining several candidates than in examining only one. No objection to this procedure has reached me. Some Lodges engage in no degree work at their communications, this leaving time for Masonic instruction after regular business is despatched. This practice is commendable.

Some Masons have been alarmed because so much degree work has been done that it is feared that new Masons have not received instruction beyond the Ritual. More special communications should be held so that, as stated above, there may be a part of the time of each regular communication available for instruction. One Lodge had some members who were so concerned about the amount of degree work done that there was quite an epidemic of blackballing. When it comes to balloting on local men, who undoubtedly would have been elected a few years ago when petitions were few, there is no sure method by which some of them can be rejected, unless the petitioners have become unworthy in the meantime. Much has been said about guarding the portals of our Lodges and thoroughly investigating petitioners, and the responsibility resting upon investigating committees can not be overemphasized. However, the petitioner who posseses the necessary qualifications has certain rights on his part, certainly the right to be considered on his own merits and without prejudice.

NORTH CAROLINA. Grand Master. 1945

There comes now the task of reconversion and of reorientation and of readjustment of our spiritual, moral, social and economic patterns and practices in the pursuits and conventions of peace. Will we, the American people, proven so great in war, this time rightfully and righteously enter upon this second opportunity within a generation and lend ourselves actively and effectively to bring about peace on earth and good will among men?

To us, here, as Masons, the new situation brings its challenge. For about a thousand years our Society has recognized and taught the indispensable validity in any decent social structure of Friendship, Morality, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Let us not too easily and comfortably acquit ourselves in the harvesting of the dividends of spectacular welfare and relief projects. Relief and welfare work are fundamentally the documentations of inadequacy or misfortune. These cannot be overlooked nor neglected by the fortunate and competent, because to attend to such mischance of others is a natural and inevitable outflow from every individual who is moved by Friendship and Brotherly Love.

In our Masonic lectures we are taught that Friendship and Brotherly Love are the cement and support which holds together the Temple of Human Happiness, and we may well find there also the teaching that Morality, Truth and Justice are the Landmarks of the way of life of those who cannot and will not "bore from within" to destroy the Temple.

The new and deadly atomic bomb cannot be controlled nor made safe by the science of its fabricators. It must be controlled by a universal conscience, grounded in Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love. If it shall be so controlled, it may, easily and quickly, become man's emancipator from grinding drudgery. If it shall be given over to those impelled by hate and greed and deceit and trickery, it will surely become the instrument of destruction of civilization and happiness.

Let us, then, my Brethren, as Masons, move quickly and decisively to associate ourselves, each in his own home community, with every effort and activity that seeks to understand the meaning of and to promote the completion of peace on earth and good will toward men.

OHIO. Grand Master. 1945

RENTING OF TEMPLES FOR POLITICAL AND SECTARIAN RELIGIOUS PURPOSES

On April 2, 1945, I received a letter from the Master of a Lodge in the city of Cleveland, which contained a resolution of indignant protest by his Lodge against the renting of the auditorium of the Masonic Temple to a Communist association for a meeting to be held the following Friday evening, and to be addressed by Earl Browder, leading Communist in the United States.

I immediately wrote the Temple Board, and urged that the lease be canceled, even if it should involve a suit for damage, which to me appeared unlikely, and saying that any possible damage that might be incurred would not compare with the damage which would result to the Fraternity if the meeting were held. Upon receipt of my letter, a member of the Temple Board called me by long distance telephone, and tried to justify the meeting by saying that the portion of the building in which the meeting was to be held had never been dedicated to Masonry. He further stated that policemen would be at the meeting to see that nothing untoward happened. My answer was that the public did not know that the room where the meeting was to be held was not dedicated. All they would know was that it was in the Masonic Temple, and that I could not go on record as sanctioning any such use of the Temple. I should also have objected if it had been rented to Democrats or Republicans.

Later I was informed that the same room was rented to Jehovah's Witnesses, another organization whose members will not salute the flag or serve in the military forces.

Both of these organizations stand for things diametrically opposed to our fundamental principles, and Masonry cannot afford to be identified with them by permitting the use of its halls by such organizations.

Some time in the late winter, in walking to the Masonic Temple in Cincinnati, arriving at what I thought was the entrance, I saw a large circular metal sign bearing the word "Unity," with a hand pointing to the door, which I discovered was the entrance to the Temple. Upon my return to Columbus, I immediately wrote the Temple Board in protest against the placing of signs by this organization, which indicated there must be some connection between it and Masonary. I should likewise have objected if the sign had borne the words "Epworth League" or "Christian Endeavor." Shortly after this a schism occurred in the organization and "Unity" became "Disunity." The matter got into the courts and the Temple was picketed, all to the scandal of our Order.

Such incidents can do the Fraternity no good and must be very confusing to new Masons. Some of these Temple Boards seem to feel that they are beyond the reach of Masonic law, but they are mistaken.

I recommend the adoption of legislation which will make illegal the renting of Temples or any portion of them, to either political or sectarian religious organizations, whether the premises be dedicated to Masonry or not. The non-Masonic public cannot differentiate. All it knows is what it sees, and it judges the Fraternity accordingly, and Masonry cannot afford to be identified in the public mind with any political or sectarian organization.

VICTORIA. Grand Inspector of Workings. 1945

WEARING OF MASONIC APRONS

I am pleased to report that members of most Lodges are now carrying out instructions issued by Grand Lodge and it is to be hoped that during the coming year, every Worshipful Master will see that Tylers are instructed not to admit members until wearing aprons correctly.

ADMISSION OF VISITORS

Here again a decided improvement has taken place, and Lodges generally are endeavouring to carry out instructions as set out in Circular 86.

I regret, however, to state some Lodges are very lax. As previously reported, it is most important that no visitors be admitted unless individually vouched for in open Lodge, and in the case of a Brother not being vouched for by a member that satisfactory evidence is obtained before admitting.

Another matter causing concern for a long period, is the number of unaffiliated Brethren visiting, and it seems to me that some strong effort should be taken to prevent a continuance of this practice.

If the necessary care is taken in vouching of visitors, it should soon be ascertained the number of unaffiliated Brethren seeking admittance.

I suggest that Worshipful Masters carefully watch this matter, and if any Brethren not entitled to visit, continue to do so, the names should be reported.

WEST VIRGINIA. Grand Master. 1945

For several years past regimentation and the collective application of effort, essential to the successful prosecution of the war, have produced fundamental changes in our way of life which are definitely foreign to our democratic ways. We have been directed away from individual effort to mass effort, with a noticeable decline in individual initiative and responsibility. We have been taught, in many instances, and in spite of our better judgment, to take the easiest way out, and have learned to follow leadership blindly rather than be leaders ourselves. These changes have even made their mark on Masonry, but we have now arrived at the crossroads, where the opportunity is presented to us to determine the road we shall take in our return to a normal way of life. We must think clearly in making our choice, and carefully pursue an enlightened course.

As Masons, we have two obligations, one to our membership, and one to our fellow men. The first obligation is to our membership. In our Grand Jurisdiction we have made a substantial gain during the past year. A great majority of this gain, as well as previous gains made during the war years, is made up of boys who have served in the Armed Forces. It is quite obvious that we have made these Masons entirely too fast, and I would suggest that our duty to them when they return is quite clear. Most of these Brethren know very little about Masonry, through no fault of their own, and, unless we make a sincere effort to welcome them back and see that they are sufficiently enlightened through Masonic education, I am afraid our efforts in making them Masons will have been in vain, and they will be lost to us.

Further, I regret that I seem to notice a growing tendency to consider Masonic Lodges, in many instances, as just clubs or social organizations, and as stepping stones to other goals. We are losing our proper perspective as to just what Masonry is, and this condition, largely attributable to the great tension caused by the prolonged years of war must be remedied. We must plan our work in Masonry according to the basic and fundamental principles which have served us so well in the past. We must take particular care that we guard well the door to Freemasonry. We must come to a realization that Masonry and Masonic Lodges exist for the benefit of the membership, and, when we extend to any man the great privilege of uniting with us, he is entitled only to the same rights which every other Master Mason enjoys. We must remember that it is not quite as important to build our membership in numbers as it is to build Masonry into our membership. We must take care that sufficient time is allowed the candidate to intelligently absorb our teachings, and he should receive his work only as fast as he is able to grasp it. Above all, we must continually strive for the Masonic education of our membership.

Our second obligation is to our fellow men throughout the world. There is a gigantic task to be accomplished in the future in promoting peace and right living among the peoples of the earth. Probably the greatest potential force for good extant in the world today lies within the framework of this great organization of ours. If we are to take our rightful part in this work, we must seize the opportunities presented to us, we must think clearly, carefully set our goal, and then steer a straight course, just as our good Masonic Brethren have always done in years past.

Masonry is a true and fundamental philosophy, based on everything that is good, having as its purpose the education and betterment of the individual members, and the infusing of the knowledge of right living and genuine brotherhood and fellowship throughout the world. There are, of course, certain basic premises which are self-evident. We recognize, for example, that Masonry is, and should be, exclusively an organization of men, for the benefit of men. We unalterably oppose solicitation and publicity in our work, we confine our activities strictly to the principles for which we stand, and we encourage good living and charitable deeds. We also recognize, of course, that we are governed by Ancient Landmarks, and by Constitutions and Regulations, alterable only by the Grand Lodge. Freemasonry is an organization made up of individuals who, by preference, and because of their willingness to subscribe to our teachings, are brought together to be enlightened and educated in the ways of right living. The good that is accomplished by the Masonic fraternity is not the result of the efforts of the organization itself, but must be the result of the efforts of the individuals within the organization, who have been privileged to unite for a common cause. We cannot accomplish anything of lasting value if we are content simply to lean on the organization, hoping that somehow it will exert the necessary effort in our behalf. Unless each of us subscribes wholeheartedly to the teachings of Freemasonry, and unless each of us recognize it as his duty to practice these teachings before the world, we shall be recreant to our trust as Masons.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA (in Ontario). Grand Master. 1945

HIGH TWELVE CLUBS

Enquiry having been made of me with respect to this body which is seeking to establish units in Canada, as it falls within the organizations described in the 1922 resolution I did not hesitate to use The Grand Lodge Bulletin to inform all of our members that,

> "Masons of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario may not become members of, or retain membership in an organization known as, The High Twelve Club, The High Twelve Club International or High Twelve International."

In the literature submitted it was variously referred to by the three foregoing names.

It has been suggested to me that the organization in question had indicated that the difficulties had been ironed out and that the Club was now recognized. There are no difficulties which a Grand Master can iron out. The resolution of Grand Lodge is supreme. Communications addressed to me, either by mail or telegraph, from organizations whose membership is predicated on Freemasonry, and which have not our recognition, have not been answered by me, for I felt that I would be transgressing the spirit of our regulations if I should take it upon myself to enter into discussion with them.

During the year I directed a District Deputy Grand Master to instruct the Master of a lodge in his district that he was not to receive members of an organization known as the Grotto, as such, in his lodge. Due apology was made for inclusion of such an intimation in the lodge notice.

I cannot be at all harsh with the Masters and members of recent years, for it is my opinion that it has been difficult for them to know of this regulation which became law with us twenty-three years ago. I therefore, suggest that this regulation of our Grand Lodge be listed in the Constitution in a similar manner to the Rulings of Grand Masters. There seems to be no doubt that, with increasing membership and prosperity of the Craft, there is every likelihood of increasing pressure from such bodies to attach themselves to the body masonic in this, as in other jurisdictions. This far in this matter I have simply strictly interpreted our regulations, but I cannot leave the subject without making some comment on my personal opinion about such bodies. I have never been able to understand how it is possible to divide and subtract and have a more vigorous remainder. Masonry, it is said, has developed and prospered because it has come to us free of entangling alliances. Every organization which attaches itself to the name and reputation of Ancient Freemasonry and over which we have no administrative control can, without doubt, endanger that name and reputation. It is no secret that in some jurisdictions where several such bodies that are banned here, have recognition, they have been more than a source of concern to the Grand Lodges. Let us remember the simile that Ancient Freemasonry is like a great tree, whose roots are sunk deep in the soil of antiquity, whose trunk stands strong and erect against the blasts of time and whose branches give shade throughout the four divisions of the globe. Then remember that the greatest enemies of the tree are those growths, fungi, etc., which attach themselves to it; and having nothing of themselves, can live only on the strength they sap from the tree itself. Much of the criticism of the Craft comes to us as a result of the actions, administrations, etc., of bodies, which, although not controlled by the Craft, are, because of their name and their basis of membership, classed by non-Masons as masonic. In 1938 M.W. Bro. Dunlop so clearly and concisely outlined the position of the Craft in this jurisdiction that I am almost tempted to quote his remarks in full. They are to be found on pages 53 and 54 of the Proceedings of that year and it might be desirable to have a reprint for distribution to our membership.

CONNECTICUT. Grand Master. 1945

Freemasonry's security can be maintained only as all its constituent and appendant organizations present a united front before the world. It is composed of many branches, in each of which some people find the keenest satisfaction of their Masonic cravings. This is as it should be, unless these groups enter into a competition with each other which causes division and discord rather than "that noble contention" as to which can best serve and best agree. The former must inevitably result in division and destruction, while the latter will make our beloved fraternity a constantly more potent force in the service of God and man. The Symbolic Lodge is the foundation of all Masonry, it is the source from which all other groups draw their material. The Symbolic Lodges united in Grand Lodges offer a common meeting ground and rallying point. In furthering this objective I have given my fullest co-operation to all Masonic and appendant organizations in our own jurisdiction and beyond its borders. The enthusiastic reciprocation has been both pleasing and inspiring. I am so bold as to think that these activities and experiences have been for the good of the Masonic institution.

I like to think of Freemasonry as a great, sturdy tree whose roots drive ever deeper into the great mass of humanity while its spreading branches extended toward heaven constantly shelter more and more people from the hot rays of the meridian sun as well as from the tempests and the cold rains. The great sturdy trunk represents Symbolic Masonry, while the branches represent the collateral and appendant orders. Each branch is dependant upon that great, strong trunk which converts the life-giving elements derived through the deep roots into the fibre which strengthens the flower and leaves which ornament, and the fruit which justifies our place on the great highway of history. True enough, the trunk may indefinitely endure the loss of one or more of its branches, but usually at the price of being perpetually deformed and suffering a loss in usefulness to the world. But the branch itself, torn loose from its source of strength and health, must inevitably wither and die. Let us therefore dedicate ourselves to the proposition of strengthening and supporting each other to the limit of our talents and strength to the end that all may flourish and produce good fruit plenteously.

ENGLAND. Grand Master. 1945

All the Brethren stood while the Grand Secretary read the following message:—

It is my desire to have power to confer on Brethren who have rendered special service to Freemasonry a distinction to be known as the Grand Master's Order of Service to Masonry to rank immediately above the Grand Deacons with the prefix Very Worshipful.

The Brethren upon whom the Order is conferred shall be entitled to place the letters O.S.M. after their surname to be followed by those of any lower rank, they may hold, and if subsequently a higher office or rank should be conferred, the letters shall follow those applicable to such higher office or rank.

The distinction shall be indicated by an addition to the regalia which the recipient is entitled to wear at the time of the conferment of the order.

It is my wish that there shall be a limit to be determined from time to time by the Grand Master upon the number of holders of the Order. I propose that the present limit be twelve.

ENGLAND. Board of General Purposes. 1945

VISITORS TO LODGES

As it is known that members of our Forces, through lack of knowledge, have been initiated into Lodges which are not recognized by the Grand Lodge, it is essential that the credentials of visitors to Lodges be very carefully scrutinised. If there be any doubt, the matter should be referred to the Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE. Grand Master. 1945

SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

On April 12th, 1945, I convened Rising Sun Lodge, No. 39, in a special communication at the home of Brother Robert

Witham, where I conferred the Master Mason degree on him without form or ceremony.

Brother Witham had been legally elected, initiated as an Entered Apprentice and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, after which he suffered an attack of angina. He, being desirous of becoming a Master Mason, and being informed by his physician that it would be impossible for him to attend at the Lodge, I convened the Lodge at his home in Hudson.

There were present at this communication the Worshipful Master, the Secretary and two members of Rising Star Lodge.

ILLINOIS. Grand Master. 1945

It has again been demonstrated that free men are mightier than those who have been under the heel of tyranny, and, although some may desire to create a totalitarian state and crush out the spark of freedom which lingers in every human being's breast, they are unable to accomplish such an act while there are people in the world who enjoy the blessings of liberty, as have the people of this land of ours over a long period of time. How strange it is that the lesson cannot be brought home with full force and effect. No liberty loving people can be conquered so long as they have the will to fight for the freedoms they cherish and enjoy.

FREEMASONRY IN THE WAR

We are proud, too, of the part that Freemasonry has had in accomplishing the results that have been attained. Thousands of our brethren have been engaged in this conflict, all of them imbued with the same high ideals and determination that the rulers of people shall be the servants of the people and not their masters. Freemasonry has always been preeminent in teaching the gospel of peace and good will to all peoples, and so long as it is inspired with this ideal it will be a dominant force in the restoration of the world to conditions that will result in securing permanent peace that is so earnestly desired by all mankind. Freemasonry can and should be a powerful force in the world to prevent another recurrence of such a terrible holocaust as the world has witnessed in the past six years.

MASONIC TEACHINGS MUST BE HEEDED

The three great curses of mankind from the earliest ages have been famine, pestilence, and war. Science has enabled us to banish both famine and pestilence through the marvelous inventions and discoveries of the past. Famine is no longer feared because of the devolpment of transportation which enables food to be moved wherever people are suffering and hungry. The marvels of medical science have reduced pestilence so that it is no longer feared by the human race. Science has now developed the atomic bomb, which has probably done as much as any one thing to bring this war to a close. Let us all fervently hope and pray that science will also conquer war as it has famine and pestilence, but more than science is needed to prevent future wars. Men and women must be imbued with the idea of charity and love for their fellow men and women and a sincere desire that all may live in peaceful harmony before the third great enemy of mankind is destroyed. If the teachings of Masonry were followed by all, it is a certainty that no future wars would endanger the existence of the human race, for brotherly love, charity and relief are the beneficent attributes that can banish hatred and tyranny from the face of the earth.

INDIANA. Grand Master. 1945

July 4, 1944, Tipton Lodge No. 33 of Logansport. This was a sunrise meeting, the Lodge opening at 3 o'clock in the morning. After the Master Mason Degree was conferred, the brethren adjourned to the dining room where a very splendid breakfast was served to over 400 Masons.

WYOMING. Grand Master. 1945

One need not pretend to be endowed with wisdom to realize we are living in a period of transition "Between two worlds, one dead and the other struggling to be born." There have been similar periods in human history, but none so vital to the progress of civilization. In the challenge of the situation, with all its problems and confusion, will be found the unifying element that will give cohesion to our Order, arousing Freemasons everywhere to a greater appreciation of our heritage and deeper realization of our responsibility. To live conscientiously and intelligently, with open minds and understanding hearts, it is the incumbent duty of every Freemason in this changed situation in which our lives are set.

"May we plan and build for the future,
Without hope of personal gain,
Bury all that is selfish within us
That Masonry may achieve and attain."

KANSAS. Grand Master. 1945

Eighty-nine years ago this Grand Lodge was organized and since that time many charters have been granted to subordinate lodges in order that they may work as regular lodges. Why was the grand Lodge organized? Or why was Masonry started here, or anywhere, for that matter? I question whether the Masons of that day had any of the conveniences which we have today. I am sure that their meetings were not in buildings and surroundings such as we have in Kansas today.

I will venture that most of those meetings took place in a blacksmith shop or in the back end of a grocery store or, perhaps, a school house or, perhaps, even in someone's home. The place of meeting was not important to those pioneer brethren, but the reason why they wanted Masonry in their communities, the desire for Masonry was and is tremendously important.

Those early Masons wanted better churches. They wanted better schools; they wanted better homes; they wanted better law enforcement. And Masonry goes hand in hand with those things which tend to create better society and better living. Masonry is an advancement of society.

Masonry is not, in fact, a secret society. Of course, it is true that we have certain secret words, signs and grips whereby we can recognize each other. We also attempt to keep our ritual secret, but the great principles and purposes of Masonry should never be a secret in any community.

Masonry is a philosophy of life—a pattern for living. It does not guarantee that every man who takes its degrees will come forth as the ideal man. But it does afford him the guide to a happier existence among his fellows. If he will accept the teachings of Masonry and study the rule and guide of our faith, he will achieve the ambition of our early brethren. If he will apply himself to the study of the plumb, the level, the rule, the line, the square and the compasses, he will add to the moral and social fibre of our State and Nation. And he will justify all the nights of labor and all the effort that have been expended to bring Kansas Masonry to its present high standing in the community at large.

Brethren, there is a challenge to our efforts today. We have sent forth thousands upon thousands of the finest of our young men and women to experience the hardships of war in foreign and, in some cases, heathen lands. This calamity was not of their making. I would hesitate to try and really fix the blame for it, but certainly it does not fall upon the doorstep of youth not yet out of school. If anyone is to blame, it is those of us of the middle aged generation. But whatever was at fault, we have now sent our best on to the field of battle, into the air, over the waves and under the water to wage war—relentless, cruel war. Why? Why are these youth being subjected to all those discomforts, injuries, death and destruction?

They are being told that it is to preserve democracy. We tell them that their sacrifices are to keep the American way of living—that way of living which our Masonic forefathers set up and handed down to us. If that is the reason, and we believe that it is, then each of us who labors on the home front has a duty to perform. We have obligations to those who brought forth this Nation. We owe something to those worthy brethren who wove Christian principles into every warp and woof of our national fabric. And we owe a tremendous obligation to these young people who are today fighting to preserve that fabric.

It is our duty and our obligation to be vigilant. We must see to it that those Christian institutions which our boys are fighting to preserve are, indeed, not permitted to be lost in their absence. We must be diligent. It is our job to labor with all our might that the supplies which they need to carry this conflict to a successful conclusion are always forthcoming when needed. We must be intelligent in our efforts to effect a lasting peace.

All this is our obligation as men and as Masons. And as we work together to the accomplishment of these ends, may we always remember the words of the psalmist:

> "Let Thy mercy, Oh Lord, be upon us!
> According as we hope in Thee."

YORK GRAND LODGE OF MEXICO. Grand Master. 1945

We are gathered here, primarily, because deeply and sincerely we are inspired by the same reasons which induced us to join the Order, and as a sign that we are still striving to be worthy members of a great institution. While nominally we are Master Masons, in a wider sense we are yet mere apprentices governing and disciplining ourselves to the task of building our lives agreeable to the design of the Great Architect of the Universe. Secondly, we have assembled for the purpose of conforming to the requirements of perfect organization, to review the steps during the past year and so voice our opinions freely thereon, to consider the advisability of enacting new legislation which may be deemed essential for the further good of the Order, and to elect (or appoint) and install a Grand Master and officers to serve for the ensuing year. In all these duties we must remember that ours is a trust which should be discharged with perfect fairness to all, and we must therefore be prepared to meet with gentleness and forbearance any opposition to our own wishes, whatever they may be.

If, as poets and writers have observed, all the world's a stage and we the actors, it would be well to examine the scene in which we are destined to play our particular roles as citizens and Masons. Looking back we recall the time during this long war when the fate of Freemasonry as an organization hung in the balance, for as the forces of hatred, suspicion and aggression swept across countries so were the activities of Masonic bodies suppressed. There was also the realization that other large areas of the world, wherein Freemasonry had long been established, were not entirely unassailable. The past year however has witnessed the turn of the tide, and now our enemies are slowly but surely being rolled back to certain defeat.

It has been a very costly process in which thousands of our Brethren have paid the price for the Freedom which the survivors hope to continue to enjoy, and which, let us pray, will soon permit Freemasons in the liberated countries to reorganize and again meet together unmolested behind tyled doors. In very truth we have seen the ruthless hand of ignorance and the devastation of war lay waste and destroy many valuable monuments of antiquity,

Our world has passed away
   For wantonness o'erthrown,
There's nothing left to-day
   But steel and fire and stone.
—Rudyard Kipling

Yet there has been a lot of wishful thinking indicative of a reluctance to appreciate the full significance of the changes which have taken place in this so-called civilized world. In such a transition we must prepare ourselves to face the fact that things will never be the same again.

As the end of the war draws in sight there is bound to arise a common desire to get back into one's own little corner of God's creation, and to forget the events of recent years. But both the present and the future are so deeply rooted in the past that there will be no way of escaping the after effects of a long war. One thing is already apparent: Victory and the laying down of arms will leave the world with far greater problems than before. Millions of people will have to be fed, clothed and rehabilitated. There have been and will be many more disappointments.

Already we have witnessed the sad spectacle of liberated people rising against each other. The world has suffered the consequences of the various "isms" which used their power in an evil manner, and we are now haunted by the dread prospect of other equally potent forces developing and spreading among long suffering and tortured people if they are not provided with an early means of regaining their rightful place in society. In seeking to find the origins and the cause of these social systems we cannot escape the feeling that they are to a great extent brought about through the misuse of human wills. The greed, selfishness and indifference of some people have been responsible for the delusion, dissatisfaction and, finally, intolerance of others. Our peace of mind, too, has been disturbed by the unfortunate arguments in higher places over the spoils of war, spheres of influence, trade and economic advantages. In these days moreover it is hard to find a refuge from the flood of controversial topics fostered and encouraged by pressmen and radio news commentators alike, or to seek a haven from commercialized effort calculated to confuse and to stir up strife among those whose one desire is to quickly reach a state of peace and harmony. All these things tend to breed further germs of jealousy and suspicion which have always been at the bottom of international conflicts.

It is a challenge to Masonic thought, and a moment of great oportunity. It is a call to all Masons to readjust their lives in keeping with the principles of our Fraternity and for each to play his part in the creation of a new world order based on the valuable lessons taught us.

> To be, or not to be: that is the question;
> Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer
> The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune,
> Or to take arms against a sea of troubles.
> And by opposing end them.
> —William Shakespeare

In all these problems we must try to keep clear heads and not be carried off our feet by this faction or by that claiming to provide a panacea for our ills. It is a work, in which every Mason may bear a share, demanding the practice of every commendable virtue. We must summon up every ounce of faith that is in us. It will need a great deal of courage, but where there is a fixed determination to see the right, as God has given us to see it, our influence for good is sure to be felt by all those with whom we come in contact. And that influence must be exerted to the full.

> Break the dead branches from the path:
> Our hope is in the aftermath.
> Our hope is in heroic men.
> Star led to build the world again.
> To this event the ages ran:
> Make way for Brotherhood — make way for men

MICHIGAN. Grand Master. 1945

BEQUESTS

At the last communication of the Grand Lodge, I was directed to appoint a Bequests committee to advise Brethren who wish to make a bequest to the Grand Lodge, and to service such bequests.

After careful consideration I appointed a Committee. The resolution which was adopted did not specify the number that was to be on this Committee, and it is my belief that this Committee could be fairly large so as to have Brethren on it in various parts of the State. I selected several prominent attorneys to be on this committee, in addition to other Brethren, in the belief that we should have men experienced in this type of work.

There seems to me to be a great need to centralize our benevolent work. At the present time some of this work is handled by two separate committees. In view of this, I recommend that the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer and the Chairman of the Jurisprudence, Finance and Bequests Committees, and such others as the Most Worshipful Grand Master may appoint, be authorized to fully investigate the desirability of the incorporation by the Grand Lodge of a Masonic charitable foundation, which could not only serve as a repository of the Grand Lodge to receive bequests and donations for Masonic uses but could also co-ordinate, supervise and enlarge, if necessary, the charitable activities of Masons in Michigan. It is my recommendation that the work of this committee be continued.

NEW SOUTH WALES. Grand Master. 1945

The M.W. Grand Master replied as follows:—

Most Worshipful Installing Master, in the first place may I tender to you my personal and sincere thanks and the very warm appreciation of this Grand Lodge for your gracious act in coming away from your very busy gubernatorial duties in Queensland to preside at to-night's festival, and I ask you to accept this bound copy of the proceedings as a small emblem of appreciation from this Grand Lodge.

Brethren, Sir Leslie Wilson has come out of a very busy life at short notice, flying down from Brisbane yesterday morning, and he is leaving at 5.30 to-morrow morning to get back to his duties. It has been a real personal sacrifice to His Excellency, and you, Brethren, I am sure, appreciate to the full this Masonic gesture by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Queensland.

Brethren, I thank you very sincerely for the great honour you have done me in electing me again to the Chair of Grand Master. To-day I was looking back eleven years over the address which I gave when first elected as Grand Master in 1933, and I spoke then on three great factors in Masonry, which go to make Masonry what it is—three great amulets, to use the words of Robert Louis Stevenson—Faith, Hope and Courage. Those will carry a man through anything.

In those eleven years I have come to realise that Masonry means even more than the wearing and practising of those amulets. It is a code which gives a man that most valuable of all attributes in his character—Stability. You know how Stability is used in Masonry as one of our symbols. Stability is that quality which enables us to meet our fate, no matter whether that fate be good or ill, with equanimity, and to stand with our heads unbowed before the blows or the rewards of fate.

Kipling says :—

"If you can dream and not make dreams your master,
If you can think and not make thoughts your aim,
If you can meet with triumph and disaster,
And treat those two impostors just the same."

How true! Triumph and disaster are both imposters, if they lead you away from the steady living of your own life. A man carried away with success, or unduly depressed by disaster or failure has not got the stability of character which Masonry aims at building.

When we are small children, with all due respect to our reverend Chaplains, we are taught that if we are good, and do everything we should, and follow all the rules, and do what father and mother tell us, everything will be quite all right, and we will grow up and be happy and successful. When we get out into life, we find it does not work out that way. Sometimes, although we do everything according to rules, although we serve God to the best of our capacity, we still find disaster comes, and we are not the first to realise that.

2,300 years ago an anonymous writer who called himself "The Preacher," wrote some words which are included in the Book which is found on the pedestal in every Masonic Lodge—the Volume of Sacred Law. That Book is called Ecclesiastes, and in chapter 9 you find these words :—

> "I returned and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all."

It is not the swiftest who wins the race, not the strongest who wins the battle, not the wisest who reaches success; it is not the richest who gains happiness. To all men sooner or later time and chance deal some blow or blows.

That is the real test of our character. If we can stand up to those reverses which inevitably come to us sooner or later, whether physical bereavements or failures in our business, or disappointments in our friends, whether the shattering of our hopes and ambitions—if we can stand up to all those with heads that may be "bloody but unbowed," then indeed we are Masons.

Masons are builders, Masons are men who take the raw material and work it into shape, and make something worth while. The raw material is your own life. It is something infinitely precious. You only have it for a period, and then it is taken away. We go on from one design to another, add hope to hope, and lay out plans for many years, when we are suddenly alarmed by the approach of death at an hour which we confidently believed to be the meridian of our existence. Then is the time we have the opportunity to test our manhood.

It is not only a personal matter, but a family matter, and in these last five years a national matter. What a glorious thing and what a happy thing to know that Masonry with its steadfastness of soul is practised to its fullest and widest extent in the two Anglo-Saxon countries which have been foremost in holding back our deadly foes. How fortunate for us that we are modelled on the Grand Lodge of England, and it is in England herself that we have had the finest and most magnificent example of steadfastness and courage in the face of most deadly dangers.

Remember four years ago when Great Britain stood alone with the enemy only twenty miles away across the Channel. The British had lost equipment and arms and everything; with only several hundred thousand rifles they had practically nothing for some time, and they stood firmest of all, and remained standing firm and steadfast in the face of imminent danger; and they had won through until the credit of Britain is higher than ever in her history.

I like to think that one of the contributing causes has been the practice of Freemasonry throughout Great Britain. It was my privilege six years ago to go to England, and see Masonry in action. I saw the King take the Chair of Grand

Lodge, saw him instal his brother, the Duke of Kent, visited Lodges far and wide, and saw Masonry working, and the high quality of Masonry in Britain.

We here are practising Masonry along the same lines. You, Sir, referred to our 600 Lodges and 70,000 members. We have many more. Many Masons are unfortunately unattached. I would suggest, Brethren, that you would do a good work if you could bring those Masons back into the active practise of Masonry. For some reason they have lost touch and contact. Try and stimulate them to come back, and help in the magnificent work of building steadfastness throughout our nation.

This steadfastness in the face of difficulty and danger is a characteristic worth having. I am glad to address the younger brethren. If at any time you get into real trouble (and we all do sooner or later), and you want advice and help, pick out the biggest and strongest man that you know, and go and ask him for advice. Put your cards freely on the table, admit your faults, be frank; and that man, out of his sound experience and knowledge, courage and wisdom, will probably put you on the right track. I like to think that there are 70,000 men upon whom we can rely to advise and guide our youth.

NEW ZEALAND. Grand Master. 1944

On the occasion of our Annual Communication it is fitting that we should contemplate for a few moments the miraculous improvement in the war situation to-day, compared with the position a year ago. It behoves us to consider the many and dire perils through which our Empire has passed successfully, and with added glory to her name, since the outbreak of war in 1939. At the same time, let us offer our humble thanks to T.G.A.O.T.U. for the protection and divine guidance with which we have been favoured. Not only have we been able to stem the avalanche of pagan aggression and brutality, but we and our allies have been able to achieve many notable and major successes. Although grievous suffering and continued sacrifice may yet be required, the ultimate and final defeat of our enemies is certain.

In the days to come, "when the war drums throb no longer and the battle flags are furled," we shall be faced with a gigantic task of rehabilitation throughout the world. Upon Masons—upon all of us—rests an obligation equalled only by the opportunity to play an influential part in this great work.

A particularly brilliant Englishman, writing in 1942, said: "Who can contemplate this war without recognising that it is the supreme arbitrament of our fitness for survival and that we have no right to survive unless we are worthy to survive and to shape the new world? And who, recognising this, can help anxiously reflecting upon our qualities and their defects in the light of this most searching test? Or, remembering that, if we survive, we must be the chief architects of the new world, has not speculated as to what sort of character our thoughts, words, and deeds suggest that we might one day be ready to impose upon that other age?"

Brethren, that we are to survive as a people is no longer in doubt, but if we are to prove ourselves worthy of divine grace we must the more earnestly strive to be Masons not only in form, but in faith, in spirit, and still more in character, in order that we may contribute to the rehabilitation of the world by setting a standard of life in which our thoughts and actions accord with the highest Masonic principles.

One of the fundamental objects of Freemasonry is the moulding of character which will, by its influence in our everyday life outside the lodge, draw mankind closer together. Never has there been such an opportunity for us all to dedicate ourselves anew to the supreme tasks of maintaining the security of the realm and furthering the welfare of mankind. We are under a solemn obligation to preserve and enrich our inherited Christian civilisation. Let us remember, therefore, our duty towards the youth of to-day, who are to be the citizens of to-morrow; let us ensure that they too are taught reverence, patriotism, good citizenship, respect for law, and regard for the rights of their fellow men. Let us actively support all movements which have as their object the training of youth in Christian principles and those other qualities which I have already enumerated. Every one of us can do a little something by personal example, and if each one does his part faithfully the sum of our labours will be great and will prove our worthiness to survive.

With the help of the Most High we shall leave a world fairer than we found it, in which our children will be free to fear God, honour the King, and serve humanity.

NEW ZEALAND. Widows' and Orphans' and Aged Masons' Fund. 1944

The following special donations and bequests were received during the year:—

From R.W. Bro. T. Hobson, P.D.G.M., of Waipukurau, who, having completed 50 year's service to Masonry on January 25th, 1944, celebrated the occasion by handing to the Grand Master bonds to the value of £400 for the Widows' and Orphans' and Aged Masons' Fund, the income to be applied to a new annuity for Hawke's Bay, to be known as Thomas Hobson annuity.

From Wor. Bro. G. E. Billson, P.G.B.B., Avon Lodge, who died on September 27th, 1943, and willed to the Widows' and Orphans' and Aged Masons' Fund £100.

From a R.W. Bro. who desires to be anonymous and who sent for the Widows' and Orphans' and Aged Masons' Fund a bond to the value of £50.

From Bro. James Moir, of Stratford Lodge, who, before leaving on a trip for England after the Great War, willed one-third of his property to Grand Lodge Widows' and Orphans' and Aged Masons' Fund. Bro. Moir never returned to New Zealand. There were two lives between the finalising of his property and this bequest. Last year the fund received the first instalment of £2,500, and this year £105, with several other amounts to follow in due course.

From American Brethren meeting somewhere in the Pacific and known as the Square and Compass Club, who, appreciating the kind reception they received from Lodges when in New Zealand, sent for the Widows' and Orphans' and Aged Masons'

Fund two separate donations of 500 American dollars, equalling £304 2s. 5d. in our currency.

From the Square Peg Masonic Association of various constitutions, meeting at Green Island, who sent £16 14s. 7d.

From the Norfolk Island Masonic Association, who sent £5.

From the Tongan Masonic Association, who sent £2 towards the Fund.

The Board records its thanks and appreciation to the Provincial Grand Masters, the Secretaries of Lodges, and other Brethren for obtaining information concerning applications for new annuities and renewals.

Moving the adoption of the reports, which were taken as read, V.W. Bro. Hatch said that the Board was particularly pleased to record the growing responsibility the Craft was exhibiting towards their most important activity—benevolence—by more generous contributions to the W.O. and A.M. Fund. The amount contributed this year—£10,754—constituted a record, and had been achieved largely as a result of the Provincial Grand Masters, who had endeavoured to educate the brethren, emphasising their obligation to distressed brethren and dependents and advising them of the why and the wherefore of the disposal of their contributions, every pound of which was administered without one penny of expense. The Auckland District had contributed the magnificent total of £2,513, showing a per capita sum of 10/1. This district was well organized and for many years had been in the premier position. This year, however, pride of place went to the West Coast District with a per capita contribution of 11/1. The Board most heartily congratulated the Provincial Grand Master and those of his brethren who had assisted in achieving this result. Many brethren on the West Coast were miners, and this year they had set a magnificent standard of generosity.

NORTH DAKOTA. Grand Master. 1945

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Because of limited time our distinguished visitors were presented together. M.W. Brother Charles M. Pollock, Chairman of the Committee on Visitors, introduced M.W. Brothers Wm. Douglas, Harry Woods, George R. Calvert and George Hunter, Past Grand Masters, Manitoba, and M.W. Brother Mark I. Forkner, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Supreme Council Scottish Rite for North Dakota. In presenting the Winnipeg brethren, attention was called to the fact that M.W. Brother Calvert had recently been made the Venerable Arch Deacon of the Church of England for Manitoba.

REMARKS BY OUR VISITORS

Grand Master Swenson stated that he thought the Grand Lodge business was so well in hand that it would not only be proper but a real privilege to hear from our Canadian friends. He therefore called on M.W. Brother Harry Woods.

Brother Woods said he was always interested in the business before the North Dakota Grand Lodge but his particular interest was in the Library and the Librarian in Charge. Miss Richards was exceptionally competent, her courtesy and kindness was great, as had been her help and he was always welcome to call again.

He had been coming to North Dakota now eight or nine years. He had made many friends and was making still more friends. These are very difficult times but the challenge to us as Masons is to live Masonic principles. There must be more than mere appearance for no group of men are more closely watched than Masons, especially so in small country lodges where the daily lives of men are important in the maintenance of high moral standards.

M.W. Brother George Hunter said he had come to Fargo and this Grand Lodge hoping to see two well known North Dakota brethren, the Grand Secretary and W. Brother Wm. J. Hutchison. He deeply regretted the passing of Brother "Bill." It was his first visit to North Dakota Grand Lodge. He had had many invitations but only now was he fulfilling a long standing desire. He commented upon Brother Stormon's visit to their International Night. These occasions cement good relations as nothing else can do. It was like coming home among friends. In the strenuous days which we have been going through, your boys have been fighting under our Generals and ours under yours. Freemasonry must take the lead in the Reconstruction period immediately ahead. By meeting together, chatting together, we can help rebuild a shattered world and make it a better world than the past.

Both of these short addresses were well received. M.W. Brother Murfin moved that Brother Hunter be elected an Honorary member. The motion was unanimously adopted. Brother Hunter expressed his sincere appreciation of the honor conferred.

M.W. BROTHER WM. DOUGLAS SPEAKS

Brother Douglas took pains to say that the Grand Secretary had a wrong notion in reference to his first meeting with the speaker. The facts were that the U.S. Immigration Inspector refused to permit the Canadian brethren to leave their special train for some time after its arrival in Pembina on June 21st, 1921. It had not been cleared at the Boundary. As one of the Canadians he had been doing his best for some fifteen years to build up the spirit of Fraternal Good Will. There have been misunderstandings but we are all human beings. We speak the same language, read the same book of Holy Writ and pray to the same God. Our ritual may be a bit different but it leads to the same place. We have felt that our friendships far outreach the lodge room door.

When France went down, Britain stood alone. We could and must do something to bring a better understanding between our Country with the Mother Country. Together we represent the great democracies. There are three points he desired to emphasize—Unity—Determination—Mutual Consideration. These are essential to the widening of our spiritual boundaries and horizons. Manitoba had helped to restore Masonry in Malta and had given $1,000.00 to re-establish Masonry there. There must be greater Masonic unity and a determination to make fraternal good will a reality. These things must result in mutual consideration among all English speaking Freemasons. Brother Douglas spoke with real effect.

PENNSYLVANIA. Grand Master. 1945

CLANDESTINE MASONRY

During the past two years the Hydra-headed Monster of Clandestine Masonry has again risen in this Grand Jurisdiction, this time selecting for its activities the City of Allentown and vicinity. This Grand Lodge, together with the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction instituted proper legal proceedings in the Courts of Lehigh County, which resulted in complete victory for us, and established more firmly than ever our right as a Grand Lodge to diffuse Masonic Light in this Jurisdiction. Brother Orrin E. Boyle represented the Grand Lodge in these proceedings and rendered an outstanding service It seems unbelievable that the peace and harmony of the Craft must be periodically disturbed by those who have no semblance of right to diffuse Masonic Light in this Grand Jurisdiction. In vain do we hope that our established rights shall not be invaded, but, as has been wisely said, "So long as there is anything good in this world, there will be someone who will try to imitate it."

NEW LODGES

For more than a decade Freemasonry suffered a loss in membership, but beginning with the year 1943, we have continued to show an increase in membership, and in the year 1944, approximately 10,000 Masons were made in Pennsylvania, and this year the number of new members made in Pennsylvania subordinate lodges will far exceed that of the previous year.

The last new Lodge constituted in this Grand Jurisdiction was in 1937. It is my best judgment that the time is coming when new Lodges should be constituted in some localities where there are no Masonic Lodges and in other places where the membership in Lodges is becoming too large for the proper dissemination of Masonic Light. This should receive proper Masonic attention and encouragement should be given to the establishment of new Lodges. It has always been a question in my mind whether the best interests of Freemasonry are promoted in a Lodge whose membership becomes so large that the life and interest of the individual is swallowed up by the vastness of numbers.

SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

There are some localities in this Grand Jurisdiction where Schools of Instruction should be established in order that the approved ritualistic work may be taught, and by such instruction competent officers may be available for subordinate Lodges. After consultation with the Grand Lodge Officers, it was decided that for the best interests of Grand Lodge, there should be one principal instructor of the Work, who should contact schools of instruction as well as individuals throughout this Jurisdiction, correct any errors in their work and approve the manner of conferring degrees and the conduct of Lodges in our Jurisdiction.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND. Grand Master. 1945

It is significant at this time, when our country is at war for the preservation of those ideals which are the fundamental teachings of our fraternity, that so many of the candidates presented for the degrees were young men, loyal, devoted, and enthusiastic, that quality of the nation's young manhood that is prepared to make the supreme sacrifice in order that righteousness may prevail in the world, and its peoples be safeguarded from the evils of autocratic oppression.

It is to the glory of our institutions that such men as these should seek the degrees in these turbulent times and go forth with the lessons of brotherly love, relief and truth. Without hate, without thought of national aggrandizement, of personal gain, or preferment, they undertake their responsibilities manfully, and so conduct themselves as to reflect honour upon their country and upon our beloved Order, ready to give their all in the sacred cause of liberty. And in this connection it is most appropriate that there should be written into the records the words of that great parliamentarian of Scotland: "It is not for glory, it is not for riches, nor for honour that we fight, but for liberty alone which no man loses but with his life."

Let us hope and pray for the onward and upward march of man to the realization of those high ideals and noble standards that make him higher than the beast. The banner of Freemasonry has ever stood for liberty of thought and conscience, the rights and equality of man; the citizen before the state, the noble individuality of every human being and the defence of his inherent rights, for the striking off of the shackles of despotism and bigotry and for the emancipation of mankind till he shall no longer be bowed down like a patient ox, warped and bent to fit the yoke of tyranny and intolerance, but shall stand erect and fair in the proud image of his Master Who made him to be free.

Although the world today is deluged in blood, and although our nation and our motherland after holding aloft the olive branch in vain entered with all their might in the vortex of the maelstrom of war, we realized it was a holy war for the vindication of the great principles of humanity and against a ruthless savagery that ignores every axiom of human right or of Christian mercy.

There are holy causes in which peace ceases to be a virtue, where hesitancy becomes cowardly and criminal, causes where human freedom, right and justice must take as their battle cry the words of our Divine Master, "I come not to bring peace, but with the sword."

We most humbly thank God for the Victory afforded us in Europe and for the waning of the strength of our enemy in the Far East. Whatever the needs of the future, be they great or small, Masonry must rigidly select only those who are worthy to be taught, and then with every power of its organization and every force of its influence, educate the minds. the hearts and the souls of its members that we may implicitly rely on them in every emergency that they will in fellowship and loving kindness serve mankind and labor devotedly for its true welfare. It rests with us all to bear in mind while we pay tribute to the past, that our efforts can only find fields of usefulness in the future, and that to each and every member of our beloved fraternity there has come opportunity for earnest, devoted and useful service.

God is treading out the wine-press, the great and holy truths, which we have promulgated and for which in the Holy name of God we will fight and, if need be, shall roll onward to the dawn of that glorious coming day, when the roar of cannons and the discordant blare of war-clarion shall die away in the distance, and our ears shall catch down the corridors of time the sweet echoes of that Angel song, that rang above the hills of Bethlehem nearly two thousand years ago, "Peace on earth, Good Will to man."

Then let us labor on, hope on, and, if need be, fight on till the great and sacred teachings of our Holy Rite, like the stone which was cut out of the mountain, shall roll on until they fill the whole earth and the sacred bond of human Brotherhood shall link us, hand clasped in hand, by the strong grip of the Lion's Paw, a chain of love encircling the world.

QUEENSLAND. Grand Master. 1945

To-night I have neither the time, nor is this the occasion, to speak to you at length of Freemasonry. We all know that our Freemasonry is a peculiar system of morality, and I would urge further that it is a peculiar system of regeneration, and when we say that it is illustrated by symbols, it is a fact that those symbols speak only to those who have ears to hear. I am convinced more and more that Freemasonry is meant to be something very real, very serious, and of great moment to every Brother, and to mankind. In fact, I would go so far as to say that it is, to a large extent, a religion, and if practised and properly realised, it approaches a perfect religion, being based, as it is, on a firm belief in the Volume of the Sacred Law, an unhesitating belief in the G.A.O.T.U., and carries out many forms of useful, humane and self-sacrificing effort.

We do not talk of our Freemasonry outside a Lodge, but it can be seen by others. I have, before now, often thought and spoken of its resemblance to light in a light-house—a light that beats no gong and sounds no drum, and yet far over the water its welcome sparks are seen by the sailor. So our actions should shine out our Freemasonry, and the sermon of our lives should be illustrated by our conduct.

It is true that the moral standards of Freemasonry are set high indeed. There is no need to try to make them higher, but there is always a need to advance the conduct of Freemasons to the moral standard of Freemasonry.

I think that we would all agree that the greatest lesson in Freemasonry is Brotherly Love. You may, if you like, translate those two words into one, namely Charity, the most distinguishing characteristics of a Freemason. This Grand Lodge is, I hope and believe, opening a new era of work in that great field of brotherly love. I sincerely trust that it will continue to do so to a much greater extent than in the past, and, particularly in the direction of looking after the welfare of the younger generation, and of extending its help, its friendship, and its care to those Brethren and their kith and kin, who, in the later years and in the evening of their lives, are sadly in need of a practical expression of that brotherly love in which we all believe.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA. Grand Master. 1945

From the time when man started to emerge from primitive ways of life, to pass from the bondage of ignorance, and to enter upon the long path of civilised existence, certain basic principles forced themselves upon his mind. These were a belief in the existence of supernatural beings and the power of these beings over the forces of good and evil. Gradually from these ideas there was evolved a system of right and wrong—those things which pleased the gods and those that displeased them. Pleasure and displeasure of the gods for the ordinary person meant the attitude of the ruling temporal power, and so human behaviour became regimented by royal or priestly authority. These principles were laid down as long as 4,000 years ago in the code of Hammurabi, who was King of Babylon at that time. They were adopted by the Hebrews, who developed in their religion the further attribute of the personality of the Godhead, and with still further altruistic principles formed the basis of Christianity.

Into the ancient religious ideas, as time went on, there were infused mystic rites and ceremonies, and in ancient Mesopotamia, Egypt and Greece there were many of these mystic associations, all holding the same basic principles. In due course, Freemasonry arose, first as the Art of the builder. to whose operative work were attached mystic rites and ceremonies, still founded upon the same basic principles, which were exemplified as a philosophy of living by reference to the tools of his Craft. When freedom to seek work became recognised, the operative Lodges lost the reason for their continued existence, but out of them grew the Lodges of speculative Freemasonry as we know it; and so in a very real sense the roots of our fraternity lie deep in the principles and legendary incidents of antiquity. The nature of its teachings, its ancient landmarks and its unwritten ethical code all tend to strengthen our belief that the Craft is part of the experience of mankind in its long and arduous struggle upward through the ages. It was recognised that the two great basic principles of life—the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man—called for translation into the task of living and so to the basic principles were added those social and moral virtues—obedience, faith, truth, honour, charity and tolerance—which constitute the life of a good man.

In this way the philosophy of the Craft as we have it today was forged, and within its teachings were embraced the knowledge of God, the nature and destiny of man, and the mysteries of good and evil. It is this philosophy that the world needs today as an antidote to the totalitarian and pagan idea that force alone should rule the world, and that might alone is right. We have to learn that if men are to continue masters of their souls, they must believe that there is a spiritual and moral purpose in the universe and an omniscient and omnipotent Deity that governs man's place in it.

In times of prosperity and peace we are all inclined to accept Freemasonry without much thought and to take its principles for granted. But in times of national emergency its tenets take on a deeper significance in the hearts of all Craftsmen. It is then, that,if there be any good in Freemasonry, it should make its greatest contribution to the service of humanity. Are not the great principles enshrined in our rites and ceremonies of more importance in the world today than ever they were? I think so.

The cruelty and barbarism of our present times are the inevitable consequence of that wave of paganism that has swept over the earth during the past half century. Again we have the dragon roaming at large with his flaming evil breath. Can the Church, the Craft and all other institutions for good be welded together into one great St. George?

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